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## GANDHI KEEPING AN OPEN MIND.

### STATEMENT ON RELEASE FROM PRISON.

#### INDIA'S PROBLEMS DEBATED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

#### ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

THE RELAXATION of tension in India, the encouraging results of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's declaration of policy, are exemplified in a brief interview granted by Mahatma Gandhi on his release from prison yesterday. The leader of the Congress preserves an open mind and will not commit himself until he has conferred with his colleagues and the leading Indian delegates at the Round Table Conference on their return from London.

Meanwhile, a full dress debate in the House of Commons on the results of the Round Table Conference, in which the Prime Minister reviewed the whole labours of the Conference, and asked the House to instruct the Government to complete its work in India, revealed almost unanimity of goodwill. Mr. Winston Churchill, who steadfastly adhered to a "die-hard" outlook was repudiated by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who declared that the ex-Chancellor was not speaking on behalf of the Conservative Party, which would seek to draft a Federal Constitution for India if returned to power.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald declared that the alternative to a new Constitution in India would be the repression of the whole population which would afford Britain neither credit nor success.

#### PARTY REPUDIATE MR. CHURCHILL.

Poona, Jan. 26. (Press.) Upon the principles which have been held in custody at should be applied to an Indian Mr. MacDonald's pleasure for more Government and made the foundation of any Constitution ultimately drafted.

Interviewed by Reuters' representative on the platform at Chindwad, near Poona, where he was waiting for a train to take him to Bombay, Gandhi declared that he was keeping an open mind on the present political situation.

He did not wish to commit himself until he had conferred with his colleagues, and especially with Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and other members of the Round Table Conference, who were now returning to India from London.

Gandhi stressed the desirability of the immediate release of all political prisoners, sentenced for carrying out his civil disobedience campaign. (Reuter.)

#### Commons Debate.

London, Jan. 26. For the first time since its conclusion, the work of the Indian Round Table Conference was discussed in the House of Commons to-day when the Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who presided at the conference, made a statement. The Viceroy Elect of India, Lord Willingdon, listened in the gallery to the speeches.

The Premier emphasised that the present position of the Indian problem was the result of evolution and had been reached step by step, each with its inevitable consequences of further steps later on.

He specially reminded Mr. Winston Churchill, who was so critical of the present policy, that it was a sequel to statements made, and stages reached, when other Governments, of which Mr. Churchill had been a member, were in power.

#### Premier's Tributes.

The Premier paid a tribute to the Indian delegates who came in to the Conference at grave inconvenience, loss, and risk to their reputations.

The raw material of the conference, he said, was the Simon Report, for which India owed a debt, which, in the future, she would be better able to appreciate.

What they meant to do, and what they had done, was to agree in ad-



GANDHI

## HUGE OPIUM HAUL AT NEW YORK.

### SIX HUNDRED TINS FOUND ON RABY CASTLE.

#### HIDDEN IN MAST.

New York, Jan. 26. Six hundred half-pound tins of opium, valued at over \$3120,000, were seized by Customs officials during an inspection of the British motor vessel Raby Castle, from Port Said. The opium was concealed in the base of the ship's hollow steel mast. No arrests were made, but the crew, mostly Chinese, is being kept under surveillance.

#### The seizure of the ship are liable to be equal to the value of the opium, it is proved that they were aware of the shipment. (Reuter's American Service.)

#### Hongkong Seizure Recalled.

Geneva, Jan. 26. The Opium Committee to-day began examination of the list of seizures of drugs between November, 1929, and June, 1930. Sir Malcolm Delevingne drew attention to a large seizure of opium in Hongkong in September, and emphasised the value of the information obtained from China with regard to consumption of drugs. He said this would be enhanced if the Chinese authorities without delay sent particulars of such cases to the Governments of the countries from which the drugs had been dispatched.

Dr. Woo Kai-seng, on behalf of China, undertook to communicate Sir Malcolm Delevingne's observations to the Chinese Government, and added that the Chinese authorities would do their utmost in this matter. (Reuter.)

## SEQUEL TO TRAIN HOLD-UP.

### POLICE AND TROOPS CAPTURE BANDIT GANG.

#### CHIEFTAINS KILLED.

Canton, Jan. 26. As a result of information received concerning the whereabouts of the remainder of the bandit gang who held up the Canton-Shanghai train recently, Commissioner Auyun Kue, of the Bureau of Public Safety, ordered a raid to be carried out at the small village of Tachu in the Fanyun district.

A posse of police, supported by a squad of Peace Maintenance Corps, proceeded to the destination given, and, timing their arrival for midnight on the 24th, surrounded the bandits.

On the alarm being given, a stubborn resistance was put up in an endeavour to cover the escape of the two chiefs, Yang Han and Yang Tan, who were both killed.

Having captured the remainder of the gang, the police searched their hiding places where they found several pistols and a quantity of ammunition. The captured bandits were returned to Canton under a strong escort. (Our Own Correspondent.)

## DUTCH RAILWAY SMASH.

### THREE KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

Amsterdam, Jan. 26. Three were killed and many injured to-night as the result of a collision between a passenger train and a goods train at Groningen Station.

The mishap occurred as the result of a mistake by a pointsman. (Reuter.)

## HSINMING PIRATES CONDEMNED.

### EXECUTION ORDERED BY ADMIRAL CHAN.

Canton, Jan. 27. It is announced that following the close examination of the five pirates captured after the raid on the China Merchants' s.s. Hsinming, Admiral Chan Chak has ordered their execution. (Our Own Correspondent.)

## SOUTH'S LUCK IN CUP DRAW.

### THREE OF FOUR TEAMS AT HOME.

#### PORTSMOUTH TO PLAY WEST BROMWICH.

#### LEADING CONTENDERS.

London, Jan. 26. The draw for the Fifth Round of the Football Association Cup was made in London to-day, resulting as follows:  
Birmingham v. Watford.  
Chelsea v. Blackburn R.  
Barnsley v. Bradford C. or Wolverhampton.  
Portsmouth v. West Brom. A.  
Exeter City v. Grimsby.  
Sunderland v. Leeds United.  
Bolton v. Bradford.  
Sunderland v. Sheffield Ua.

Matches are to be played on February 14th. (Reuter.)

The elimination of the majority of the "giants" on Saturday renders the draw for the Fifth Round more than ordinarily interesting. While the eighteen clubs still in the competition include three teams who have won the Cup in the past ten years—Bolton (3 times), Blackburn and Sheffield United—seven of them are in the Fifth Round for the first time in their history.

#### South in Luck.

The South appears to have been extremely lucky. Only four clubs have survived and three of them are drawn at home, the weakest of the four being the least fortunate.

Portsmouth, defeated in the final by Bolton in 1929, should overcome the West Bromwich obstacle, and Chelsea should eliminate ex-winners in Blackburn Rovers. Exeter City, whose performance at Bury was one of the outstanding of the Fourth Round results, are drawn at home to Leeds United.

Bolton have a severe test at Sunderland before they earn the right to meet other ex-Cup winners in Sheffield United, and the probabilities are that they will not see the Fifth Round.

#### Probable Last Eight.

The probable last eight would appear to be—Birmingham, Chelsea, Wolves, Portsmouth, Everton, Leeds, Southampton, Sunderland—five from the first division, and two from the Second, all previous winners since the war being out. Chelsea, Portsmouth and Everton appear in view of the draw, to be the strongest contenders for Wembley, though the Wolves, former finalists, may take some settling.

#### Scottish Cup.

In the Scottish Cup re-play, Morton defeated Raith Rovers by two clear goals and qualified to meet Queen's Park at Hampden Park in the Second Round to be played on Saturday next.

Postponed league matches played to-day, resulted:—

First Division.	
West Ham	3 Newcastle
Second Division.	
Tottenham	3 Stoke City
Oldham	0 Barnsley
Port Vale	1 Everton
West Brom.	2 Bury

#### Third Division (South).

Newport	2 Cry. Palace
The revised league tables are appended:	
	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday	26	15	5	5	70	41	37
Arsenal	23	16	5	3	69	34	35
Aston Villa	27	13	8	0	70	50	34
Derby	25	13	7	5	69	40	33
Portsmouth	25	11	9	5	65	41	31
West Ham	23	12	6	8	60	56	30
Middlesbrough	27	12	4	11	58	55	28
Huddersfield	20	10	7	9	58	48	27
Blackburn	28	10	6	10	55	50	20
Manchester C.	23	11	4	11	44	40	20
Sheffield U.	25	9	7	9	43	48	25
Liverpool	25	10	6	10	45	42	25
Chelsea	23	9	7	10	54	54	25
Leicester	25	11	3	11	63	59	25
Newcastle	20	10	4	12	55	59	24
Sunderland	25	7	8	10	51	61	22
Bolton	25	9	4	12	35	40	22
Leeds	25	8	4	13	50	51	20
Birmingham	25	6	7	12	38	50	19
Grimsby	25	7	4	14	48	47	18
Blackpool	25	6	0	13	41	45	18
Manchester U.	25	8	4	13	41	43	18

(Continued on Page 7.)

## HONGKONG-CANTON TELEPHONE.

### CROSS-HARBOUR CABLE NOW IN COLONY.

#### WEIGHS FORTY TONS.

Further indication of the progress which is being made to connect Hongkong and Canton by telephone is contained in the fact that the submarine cable, forming part of the trunk cable, which arrived here yesterday by the s.s. Khiva, is to be laid across Hongkong Harbour on Friday morning. If the weather conditions are suitable.

This submarine cable, which is made in one length of 2,200 yards, weighs about 40 tons. It consists of 52 wires weighing 70 lbs. per mile, insulated with paper, and enclosed in a double lead sheath. It is protected from external damage by heavy steel wire armour.

The cable was manufactured by the Standard Telephone and Cables, Ltd., London, to the order of the Hongkong Telephone Company, by whom it is to be laid.

When completed, the cable will provide 20 channels of communication.

## ITALY'S LITTLE WAR IN LIBYA.

### Natives Defeated After Twenty-Four Days.

#### KUFRA CAPTURED.

Rome, Jan. 26. It is officially stated that Italian troops have completed the occupation of Libya as the result of the capture of Kufra, after twenty-four days of fighting over a twelve-mile front.

A hundred natives were killed and a number were taken prisoner, while a quantity of munitions was captured.

The Italians lost two officers and two native soldiers killed and sixteen wounded. (Reuter.) This is the first intimation of Italian operations in Libya. Kufra is the centre of a large group of oases in the famous Libyan Desert, a vast sandy waste of no value except historically, partly in Egypt.

News from our Canton correspondent yesterday indicated that good progress is being made from that end, and that telephonic communication is expected to be operating within six months.

## WAGE-CUTTING IN GERMANY.

### DEPRECATING SPEECH BY CHANCELLOR.

Berlin, Jan. 26. The German Steel Works proposes to cut wages in the workshops at Essen by twenty per cent, and to reduce the number of working days this month if necessary.

The Trust is prepared, subject to these conditions, to re-employ 4,500 out of the seven thousand workers who have received dismissal notices.

The Trade Unions concerned, will, it is learned, reject the proposals, declaring that acceptance would lead to chaos.

Dr. Brüning, the Chancellor, in a speech at Cologne yesterday said it was impossible to reduce production costs merely by reducing wages as some employers seemed to think. (Reuter.)

## EGYPTIAN GOLD EXPORTS.

### IMPORTANT DECISION BY GOVERNMENT.

Cairo, Jan. 26. It is understood that the Government has decided to allow unrestricted export of gold up to \$1,000,000, after which the position will be reconsidered.

It is learned that the Egyptian foreign trade returns for 1930 show an adverse trade balance of about \$12,000,000. (Reuter.)

## CHINA'S RAILWAY DEFAULTS.

### QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

#### TORY SUGGESTS HOLDING OF BOXER MONEY.

#### DEBT LIQUIDATION.

London, Jan. 26. Chinese debts and defaults on account of railway construction and the allegations of the employment of prison labour in Soviet lumber camps were the subjects of questions poured upon Mr. Hugh Dalton, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons to-day.

Replying to Mr. A. M. Samuel (Con. Farnham) former Financial Secretary to the Treasury, who enquired regarding the prospects of railway bondholders who had suffered by Chinese defaults in respect of bonds covering the Hu-kwang, Tientsin-Pukow, Lungtsing-Hai and Canton-Kowloon Railways, Mr. Dalton stated that proposals aimed at a general liquidation of outstanding debts, which China submitted to the Fourth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Party at Nanking in November, were now being considered.

#### British Circularised.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, had circularised all British creditors with a view to obtaining a full list of their claims.

Sir William Davison (Con. Kensington South) asked Mr. Dalton to see that Britain did not part with three millions sterling of the Boxer Indemnity Fund until these Chinese obligations were fulfilled.

#### Why Now?

Mr. Dalton replied briefly, saying that he did not remember that that point was advanced on behalf of the Conservatives in the recent Boxer Indemnity debate, when the Government's Bill passed a second reading.

In answer to further questions by Sir William Davison, on the point of allegations of terrible conditions in the Soviet lumber camps, Mr. Dalton stated that the British Ambassador, Sir Esmond Ovey, had been in communication with the Soviet Foreign Secretary regarding the allegations.

#### Soviet Viewpoint.

M. Litvinoff, the Commissar, said Mr. Dalton had informed Sir Esmond Ovey that the Soviet could not consider a request for an investigation in regard to alleged forced labour and general conditions in Russian timber camps any more than the British Government would in similar circumstances.

The Soviet, like other countries, said M. Litvinoff, employed convicts, but these men were solely engaged on road making and that was a matter solely concerning the Soviet Government.

Sir Esmond Ovey was also informed that neither prison labour nor, generally, forced labour was employed in the export timber industry.

#### No Precedent.

Replying to a suggestion by Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, former Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dalton said that there was no precedent for asking the League of Nations to approach the Soviet with an offer to undertake an examination of the allegations.

A week ago, it may be recalled, the Prime Minister informed the House that the Government was unable to ban imports of Russian timber under the Foreign Prison-Made Goods Act as no good reason had been advanced that had been proved. (Reuter.)

#### DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory reports that strong anticyclone remains central to the north of the Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The local forecast is:—N.E. winds, strong; generally overcast; drizzle or mist.

## AIRMAN STILL MISSING.

### ANXIETY FELT FOR MR. BROPHY.

#### FRIENDS UNEASY.

#### NO NEWS SINCE TAKE OFF AT FOCHOW.

Much anxiety is felt for the safety of the American airman, Mr. G. W. Brophy, of the L.E. Gale Company, of whom nothing has been heard since he took off for Canton from Fochow at a quarter past seven yesterday morning. He was expected to reach Canton at two o'clock yesterday afternoon but his non-arrival and lack of any news concerning him leads to the conclusion that he is either in difficulties somewhere along the coast or has made a forced landing at an isolated spot and is awaiting more favourable weather conditions.

Mr. Brophy left Shanghai in a Waco Model "T" open cockpit biplane on Friday, intending to make a non-stop flight to Canton en route to Manila, as a test flight for the establishment of air lines. Owing to adverse weather he was forced to land at Chuchow, about 200 miles south of Shanghai. He resumed the flight and reached Fochow safely but since leaving that place there has been an ominous silence.

#### Bad Weather.

It seems likely that Mr. Brophy encountered very bad weather after leaving Fochow, probably fog and rain, in which case, as an experienced pilot, he would probably try to effect a landing. His machine is fitted with wheel brakes which enable him to land in about about 40 yards—less if a fairly strong wind is blowing—and although the country over which he is flying is rugged and rough, it seems possible that he has alighted safely and is standing by until the weather clears.

The possibilities of an accident or crash landing cannot, of course, be overlooked, but the fact that he is flying a machine, which was carefully prepared and tuned up for the flight, reduce this possibility. Efforts to locate the flier are in operation, but the head office in Shanghai lacks news up to the present.

#### Manila Fears.

Manila, Jan. 27. Eleventh hour preparations for an elaborate reception for Mr. Brophy have been dampened by the absence of receipt of his arrival at Canton.

Those sponsoring the reception are uneasy as the flier had not been heard of by three o'clock this morning. Queries to Canton have brought no reply. (Reuter.)

## ITALIAN PRIEST RELEASED.

### IN BANDIT HANDS SINCE OCTOBER.

Peking, Jan. 27. The Apostolic Delegation this morning received a telegram from Monsignor Balconi, dated the 17th instant, stating that Father Mazzoli has been released. The message states that he was captured on October 12th, hence news of the capture took more than a month to reach Peking.

It was on November 17th that news reached Peking stating that the Catholic Mission at Kulupn, Shensi, where there is a seminary and orphanage, was pillaged by bandits, who carried off Fathers Mazzoli and Filla and a Chinese priest named Tehang. (Reuter.)

Shanghai, Jan. 26. The officials of Shensi Province have appealed to the Nanking Government complaining that by the abolition of 11kln the Shensi Treasury will be \$8,000,000 short annually.

Compensation is asked from Nanking which will collect the special and trade taxes inaugurated to take the place of 11kln.



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### PARTIAL AMNESTY IN INDIA.

#### BRITISH PRESS LOOKS FOR RESULTS.

London, Jan. 26.  
The Government of India's official communiqué announcing the unconditional release of Mr. Gandhi and other Congress leaders was issued last night. The Viceroy's message stated that, in order to provide an opportunity for consideration of the statement made by the Prime Minister on January 13, the Government, in consultation with the local Governments, have thought it right that members of the Working Committee of the All-India Congress should enjoy full liberty of discussion between themselves, and with those who have acted as members of the committee since January 1, 1930. In accordance with this decision, and with a view to the object and in order that there may be no legal bar to any meeting they may wish to hold, any orders declaring the Committee to be an unlawful association under the Criminal Law Amendment Act will be withdrawn by all the local Governments.

It is added that this action has been taken in pursuance of a sincere desire to assist in the creation of such peaceable conditions as would enable the Government to implement the undertaking given by the Prime Minister that if civil quiet were proclaimed and assured, the Government would not be backward in its response.

The Viceroy adds: "I am content to hope those who will be affected by our decision will act in the same spirit as inspires it, and I am confident that they will recognise the importance of securing for these grave issues a calm and dispassionate examination."

#### In Parliament.

Reference will probably be made to Gandhi's release in the House of Commons this evening, when the work of the Round Table Conference will be reviewed. The Opposition have not put down any resolution on the subject, and it will be raised on the motion for an adjournment of the House.

#### Press Comments.

Few of the newspapers have commented upon the releases. The Daily Mail condemns the Viceroy's action, for which it says there is not a shadow of justification in view of the extremely grave conditions in India; and the Morning Post doubts the wisdom of the experiment.

The Daily Telegraph says that while there is no assurance whatever that events will take the course hoped for by the Viceroy, some reliance has no doubt been placed on the favourable reception of the outcome of the Conference by the Indian parties and interests, apart from the Congress; also on the known desire of a section of the Congress for abandonment of non-co-operation, and on the fact that the demands of Congress as they stood eighteen

months ago are very largely met by what has now been tentatively proposed. The measure now announced, it says, is in the dubious category of those which can be justified only by success.

The Manchester Guardian believes that "the freeing of Gandhi will encourage the moderate elements in the Congress. It is a gesture of goodwill, and a break with the unhappy past. It suggests that as a result of the Conference a new situation has arisen. Up to now, following the wise advice of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. Sastri and some others, Congress has not committed itself with regard to Mr. MacDonald's statement. The present thoughtful silence is at least hopeful."

The Daily News says that "if all the intelligent well-wishers of India will earnestly hope that those released will seize the opportunity offered them, there can be no doubt that a general amnesty will follow swiftly. The bold step already taken is a guarantee of that."—British Wireless.

#### Nehru Released.

Allahabad, Jan. 26.  
Jawahar Lal Nehru, the president of the All-India Congress, has been released from jail.—Reuter.

#### A Formidable List.

New Delhi, Jan. 26.  
Replying to questions in the Assembly, Sir James Crear, on behalf of the Government, said that 54,000 persons had been convicted of civil disobedience offences between April and December last, of whom 20,000 had been arrested for picketing and intimidation.

In the same period, 11,000 persons charged had been released when they apologized.

He said that 23,000 were now imprisoned.

The casualties among the public owing to firing, between April and July, were 101 killed and 427 wounded.—Reuter.

#### All Not Quiet.

Calcutta, Jan. 26.

Chandra Bose, the Mayor of Calcutta, was arrested while leading a procession of Congress members in celebration of the anniversary of "Independence Day." The police charged with staves, and dispersed the demonstrators.

On the contrary, it is reported from Bombay that apart from further arrests in connection with the police did not interfere in the city-wide ceremonies of saluting the National flag to celebrate Independence Day; while several processions of Congress members carrying flags and shouting slogans were allowed, for the first time since October 16, when the Congress "War Council" was declared illegal.—Reuter.

#### Indians in Japan.

Tokyo, Jan. 26.  
Twelve Indian Nationalists in Tokyo, headed by Rashbehari Bose, the well-known Indian political refugee, have passed a resolution.—Continued on Page 11.

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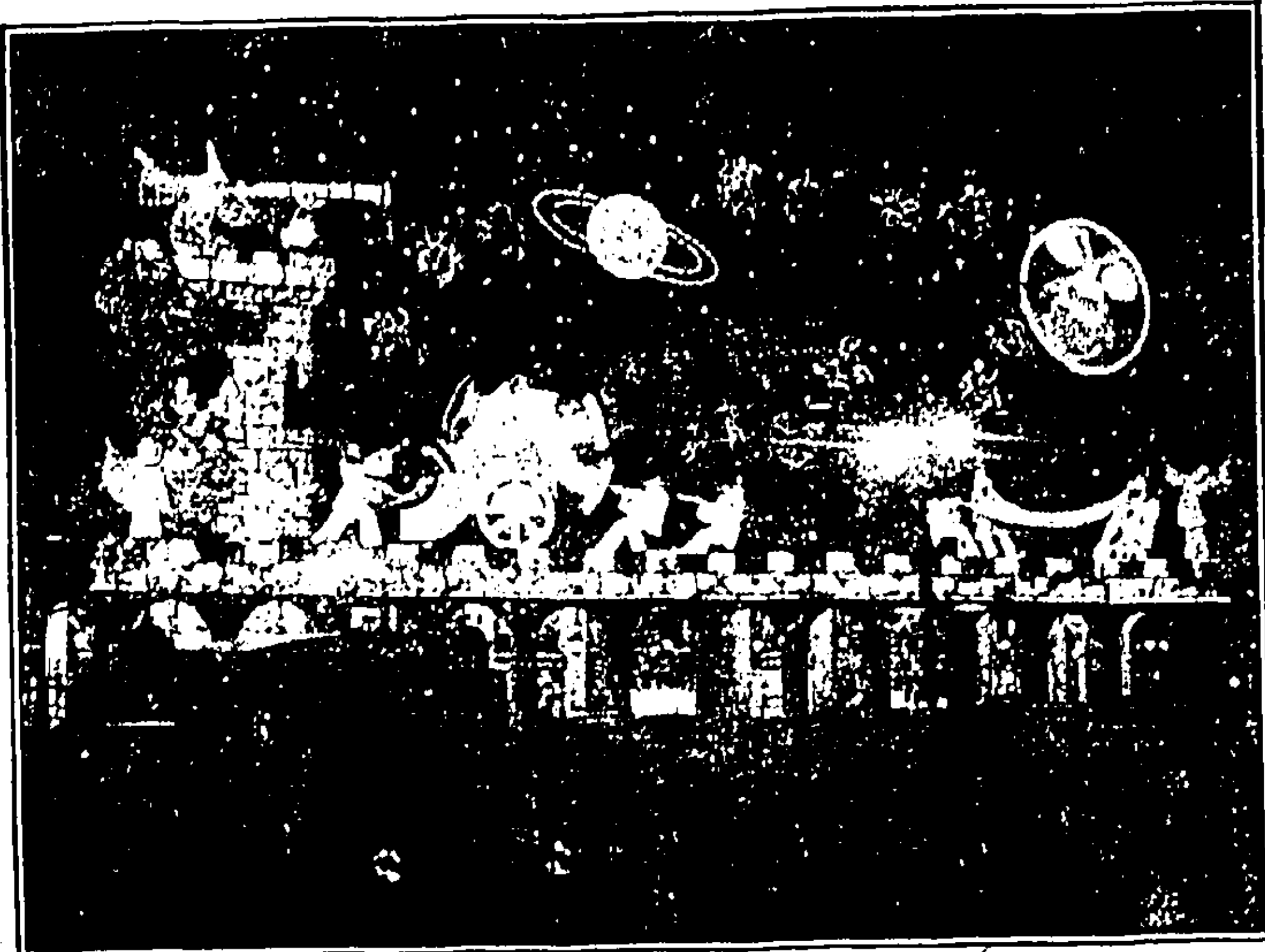
### By Small







A photograph taken on Christmas Day at Morren, showing a party of visitors enjoying a game of cricket on the Palace grounds. (Times copyright.)



A feature of Christmas time in Paris is the brilliant illuminations of the large stores in the main thoroughfares. Our picture illustrates a journey from the earth to the moon, and was to be seen in the Place du Palais Royal. (Times copyright.)



A snapshot at St. Moritz of a demonstration jump by the Swiss champion Sepp Muehlebach, who last year broke the Swiss record with a jump of 74 metres. (Times copyright.)

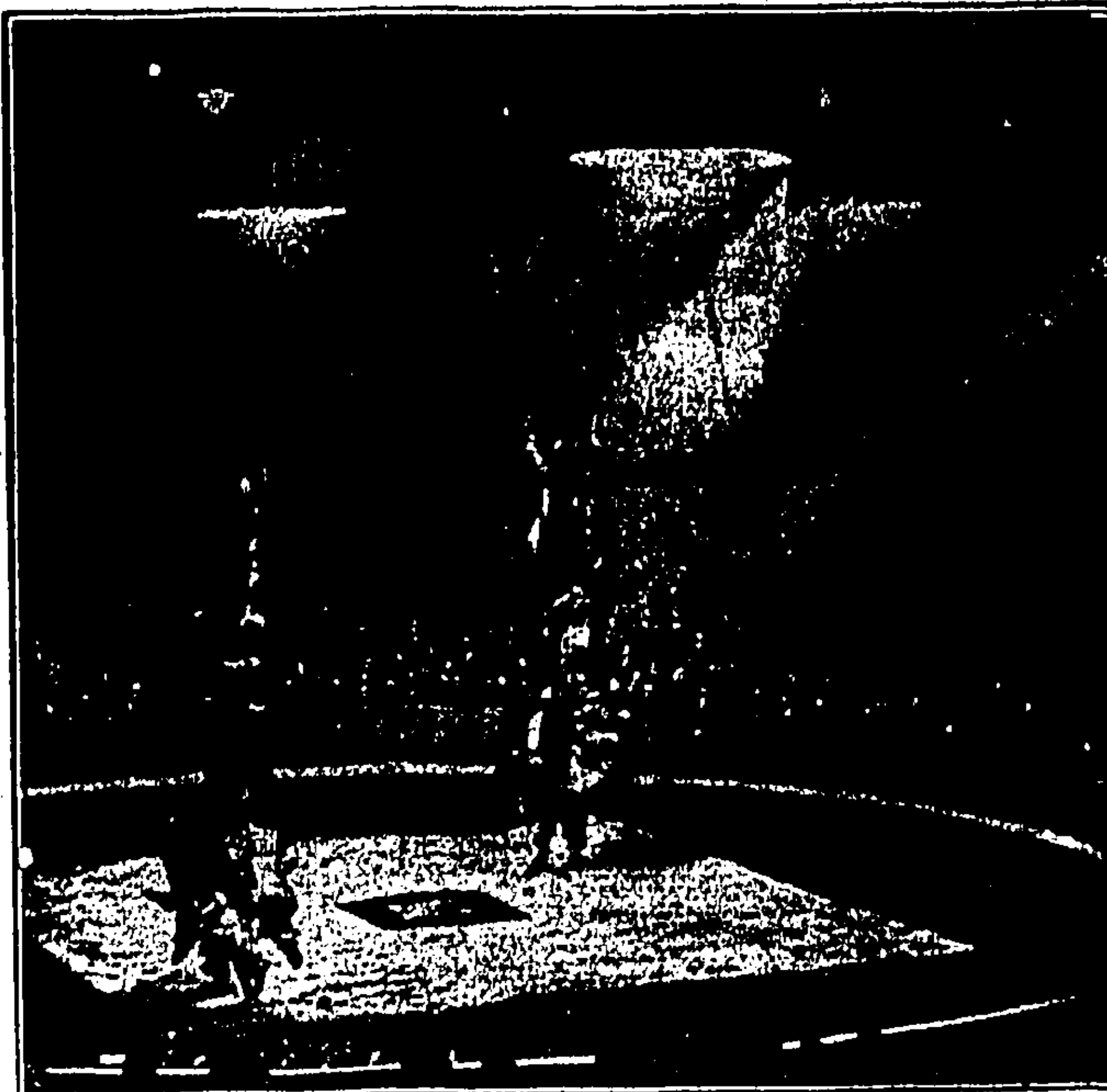


TOP, Bistri, a Russian wolfhound, and Otto Dachs, a Dachs-hund, prize-winners at a recent Los Angeles show.

LEFT, the three children of President Hoover's son, shown arriving at the White House for a stay of several months. Mrs. Hoover is shown greeting Herbert Hoover 3d.



Senhor Paulo de Brito, Portuguese Consul-General in Shanghai, together with his wife and daughter. They passed through Hongkong recently on their way to Portugal on furlough.



A picture taken at the opening of Mr. Bertram Millie's Circus in the Grand Hall at Olympia. Fashions in entertainments come and go, but to many people a circus, with its glitter and glare, its performing animals, acrobats, and old-fashioned clowning, is always a welcome attraction and particularly at Christmas time. (Times copyright.)



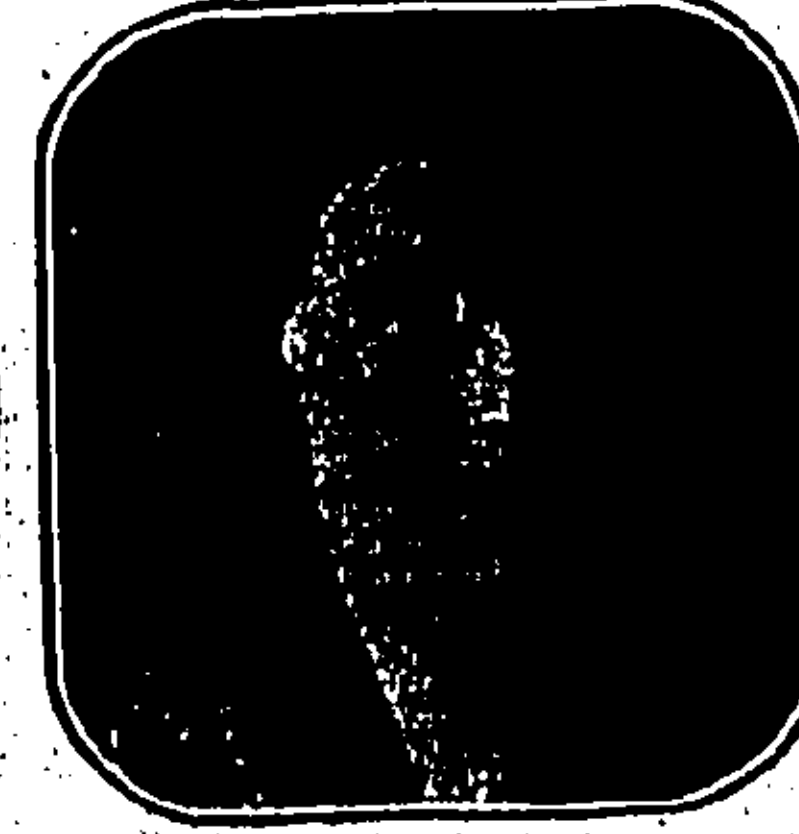
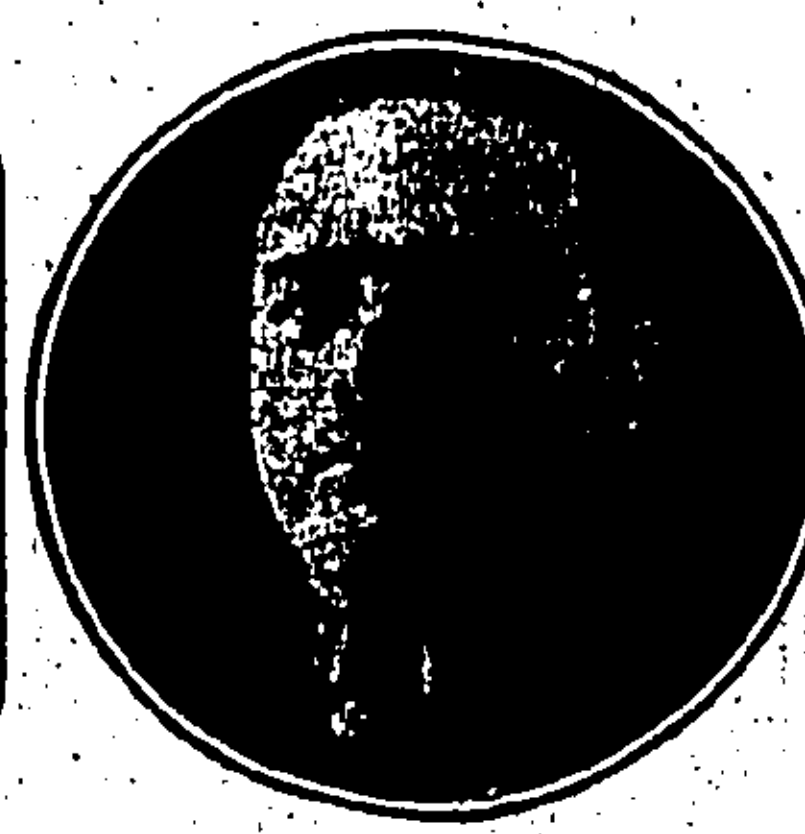
Mrs. C. M. Davis, Secretary of the Joint Committee of Shanghai Women's Organizations.



Mlle. Cio 1110, engaged to Mr. Roberto Caminada, a well-known member of Shanghai's Italian community.



Potential soldiers of Soviet Russia, women are shown here receiving military training on a state farm near Moscow. Above you see a grotesque array of modern Amazons as they were instructed in the use of gas masks. They will be expected to fight alongside their men folk in the event of war, and the lower picture shows them taking lessons in rifle shooting from a Red army commander.



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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Friday,

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at No. 6, Minden Avenue (Kowloon).

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Full particulars from catalogue.

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## CINEMA NOTES.

## NOVARRO TO SING CARUSO ARIA.

When Ramon Novarro enacted an opera star in his newest picture "Call of the Flesh," he had for his director a close friend of his greatest idol.

All his life the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star has admired and revered the late Enrico Caruso, king of dramatic tenors, and in the picture he sings the aria from "Pagliacci," considered Caruso's masterpiece on the stage. Charles Brabin, who directed the Novarro picture, was for many years a friend of Caruso.

They first met in New York, when Brabin was a stage actor and Caruso was just rising to his highest operatic fame. Often they used to sit in Caruso's dressing room and discuss drama and music. During the picture sequences were born of Brabin's intimacy with the singer.

The new picture, which is showing at the Queen's Theatre, is a vivid drama of the romance and rise to fame of a young Spanish opera singer. It is laid in Seville and Madrid. Dorothy Jordan, who plays opposite Novarro in "Devil May Care" and "In Gay Madrid" appears again as his heroine, and the cast includes Ernest Torrence, Renee Adoree, Nance O'Neil, Russell Hopton and Mathilde Comont.

Novarro sings a number of original songs as well as several operatic numbers, heard in the opera sequences of the production. For years Novarro had studied for grand opera, but this is the first time he has sung operatic numbers for the public. He had been asked to make a grand opera debut in Berlin, but illness delayed this until a later season, hence his first operatic appearance is now via the talking screen.

The new play is an original by Dorothy Farnum, with dialogue by John Cotton, of "Rain" and "Shang-hai Gesture" fame. Herbert Stothart and Clifford Grey, composers of "The Rogue Song" wrote many of Novarro's song numbers.

Greta Garbo in "Romance."

New York in the picturesque era of 1865 forms the background of "Romance," Greta Garbo's second all-talking production which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

While the scenes of Miss Garbo's initial dialogue picture, "An American Girl," were also laid in a section of the New York of an earlier day, the present picture offers a direct contrast in presenting the atmosphere of aristocratic Washington Square rather than that of dingy saloons and the riverfront.

A similar change is seen in the type of characters in "Romance," who are represented as being the city's blue-bloods who form an admiring circle about the exotic foreign opera singer, portrayed by Miss Garbo. In keeping with the quiet period, the star will be seen in a wide variety of old-fashioned gowns which even go so far as to include the once ultra-smart bustle and hoopskirt.

Information is that considerable research upon the part of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer casting officials preceded the selection of a leading man for Miss Garbo, the choice finally resting on Gavin Gordon, a newcomer to the screen whose qualifications fitted the requirements of the role perfectly.

Incidentally, the love scenes between the Swedish cinema favourite and her new leading man are reported to be the height of emotional portrayal. Miss Garbo's part calling for a return to the glamorous characterization of such of her silent film successes as "Love" and "Flesh and the Devil."

Others in the supporting cast include Lewis Stone, Elliott Nugent, Florence Lake, Clara Blandick, Henry Armetta, Mathilde Comont and Countess Nina de Liguoro.

The picture was adapted by Ross Meredith and Edwin Justus Mayer from the sensational play by Edward Sheldon which played in America and abroad for a number of years with Boris Karloff in the starring role. It was directed by Clarence Brown.

"Thunderbolt."

"Thunderbolt," which comes to the Central to-morrow is big, tense, suspenseful drama, drawn on the background of the underworld of New York's Harlem, that great Negro belt where sensation-seeking Broadwayites go to dance shoulder-to-shoulder with the inhabitants of the black metropolis to the beat of staccato jazz. Its climactic scenes occur in the strangely intriguing and exciting death house at Sing Sing.

Its surprising twists are the surprising highlights of real life. Richard Arlen, the likeable youth who thrilled audiences as the hero-ventriloquist of the famous "Wings," and Fay Wray, Eric von Stroheim's lovely woman in "The Wedding March," support George Bancroft, the star.

There is a wealth of character material in the splendid cast and, altogether, "Thunderbolt" is a picture which should not be missed.

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## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

## Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2020 b.  
Chartered Bank, \$1674 b.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$26 n.  
East Asia \$120 b.

## Insurance.

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Union Ins., \$600 a.  
North China Ins., Tls. 100 b.  
China Underwriters, \$3.20 b.  
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.  
China Fire, \$475 b.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

## Shipping.

Douglases, \$284 n.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$28 a.  
Indo-China, (Def.) \$27 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$39 s.

## Mining.

Benguete, \$11 b.  
Kailash, 30/- n.  
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.  
Raub, \$39 1/2 a.

## Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.  
South China Motors \$10 n.  
China Providents, \$5.30 n. (old).  
Hongkings, Tls. 270 n.  
New Engineering, Tls. 64 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 105 n.

## Cottons.

Ewo Cotton, Tls. 14 n.  
Shai Cottons, Tls. 30 1/2 (old) n.  
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12.80 b.  
H. K. Land, \$84 1/2 b. (old).  
do. \$83 1/2 b.

Shai Land Tls. 350 b.

Humphreys, \$17.35 n.

Realities, \$9.35 n.

## Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.50 b.  
Peak Tram, (old) \$14 1/2 n.  
Star Ferries, \$92 1/2 n.  
China Light, (old) \$25.30 b.  
H. K. Electric, \$80 1/2 s.

Telephones, \$25 1/2 n.

China Buses, Tls. 19 n.

Singapore Tractions, \$7/10 n.

## Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.  
Malabons, \$27 n.  
Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls. 10.75 n.  
Canton Leds, \$3.60 s.  
Cements (Comb) \$17 b.  
Ropes, \$13 1/4 a.

United Asbestos \$5 n.

## Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26.25 n.  
Watsons, \$12.60 b.  
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$4 n.  
Mackintoshs, \$19 b.  
Sinceres, \$13 1/4 b.

## Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 1/2 b.  
Constructions, \$5.20 n.  
B' que Ind. G. Bonds, \$67 1/2 n.  
H.K.G. Loan, 6 1/2 % Prem.

## CRICKET SURPRISE.

## A. W. CARR &amp; NOTT'S CAPTAINCY.

Surprise has been caused in the cricket world by a revelation that Mr. A. W. Carr, the famous England cricketer, has been asked to resign his captaincy of Notts County eleven.

Mr. A. W. Carr, speaking to a reporter, said: "I am quite true that I have been approached unofficially by the sub-committee appointed to consider the question of this year's captaincy."

"It has been suggested that, owing to the state of my health, I should not put myself up for election as captain."

"I have replied flatly that I will take no such course. I am not ill. I shall play cricket next summer."

"Why, then, George Gunn and Payton have gone—what would people say, now, at such a crisis, if I consented to this kind of thing?"

## A Quick Decision.

"If the sub-committee, and the full committee, want to get rid of me, they are quite entitled to do so—but let them say so frankly. I have asked them for a quick decision, as I want to make my plans for next season."

Suppose Notts do not ask you to be captain, but to play as an ordinary member of the side? he was asked.

"Whether as captain or ordinary player, I would play for them—I would naturally not prefer to leave the side," he replied.

Mr. Carr is Surrey-born, and would thus be available for Surrey if Notts do not ask him to play. Asked if he would play for Surrey he replied: "It is too soon to discuss that at present."

A fearless and rapid batsman, A. W. Carr, who is 36, was first invited to play for Notts County while still at school at Sherborne. He has held the captaincy since 1919, and led the team when it regained the county championship in 1929. The same year he captained England against South Africa, and in 1926 was captain of England in the first four Tests against Australia.

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## WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Gowns for Youthful Parties.



A smart little gown (left) with cap to match is made of red lame, shot with gold. This gown for the slender in-the-teens figure, is fitted as to bodice, with squarish neckline and shoulder straps cut in one and a shimmeringly lovely skirt that flares below the knees. Demure and arrestingly lovely is a white satin gown (right) that innovates great skirt fullness that begins at the waistline and is held in place all around by rows of shirring. Quite unlike the majority of new gowns, this one is daringly full, right from the high waistline, which gives it a sweet, young look.

### INFANT DICTATORS.

[By the Hon. Mrs. St. Aubyn.]

I read recently that Dictators were the fashion of the day. That the outcome of revolutions, re-organisation, and so forth, was the tendency to follow the strong man.

Being a woman, I adapted the abstract to the particular.

I presumed that, if these statements were true, our children—to succeed—must be of the stuff dictators are made of.

Presumably they must be strong men, or women, of single purpose, high ideals, and personality.

How was one to evolve such a creature from the plethora of modern education?

Words swam through my mind. Words which were almost catch-phrases, such as self-expression, chaos—self-development—lack of knowledge, and so on.

"No," I thought, "this may make charming companions, men of genius, writers, artists, philosophers, but scarcely men of action."

The new schools, and even nurseries, all quote these words at one.

I agree that you should not repress a child—but not that you should encourage his expression of destruction. It is an instinct to destroy, and I feel the future Mussolini should be taught to control it, till its opposite virtue of constructiveness is well developed.

Surely to control, not just to remove the temptation, is the best preparation for after life.

That is where I question these theories. I feel that modern Child Study is rather narrow and one-sided.

It tends to deal with the abnormal child, and to criticise one who has developed in a lop-sided way. The lying child is well dealt with, but not just the one who exaggerates.

#### Strong Characters.

Thus, to produce the child, or rather man, we shall need in 1946 our mode of upbringing is perhaps a little old-fashioned.

We shan't then need cranks and those whose mental qualities are well-developed, but strong characters, men whose mentality will build up what their predecessors have knocked down—inspired leaders and faithful followers.

For such, I feel, self-expression, which so easily tends to selfishness, should not be too much encouraged.

I know children who read you their opinion of the present political situation, and of the way their mother runs their home; also bores and prigs.

I think the child's character, and its strength, are best developed by teaching it self-control, obedience, and by assisting it to have a sound judgment.

Experience and life will do the rest.

Love, example, and the home atmosphere will do more for the growing child than all the self-expression in the world.

### FASHION NOTES.

#### The Newest Blouses.

This year, the ultra-high waist-line is being definitely lowered to just above the top of the hip-bone. Parisiennes say that they find this place most generally becoming. As a consequence, we find a general falling off in the tuck-in blouse, that has proved so unbecoming to many figures.

A short over-blouse, belted at the natural waist-place, if it suits the wearer's figure, or slightly below it, takes the place of the tuck-in, except perhaps with regard to the severe tailor-made.

Sometimes the problem is solved by tucking in the back, and putting a bit of the blouse material below the belt, and over the top of the skirt in front only.

Tunic-blouses are being made to drape back, and tie at the back of the waistline, an 1890 inspiration. Peplums, from the coat belt, capes, and gauds, are three kinds of back flares that are frequently seen on the smart winter coat. As winter advances, a great deal of chic moves around to the back of coats, as well as dresses.

For smart functions, and also one might say for general wear, velvet, or velveteen, is supreme. It serves for everything—dresses, tailor-mades, ensembles, afternoon dresses and hats. After velvet, come the heavy crepes, that fall so gracefully, and look so well in nicely silhouetted dresses.

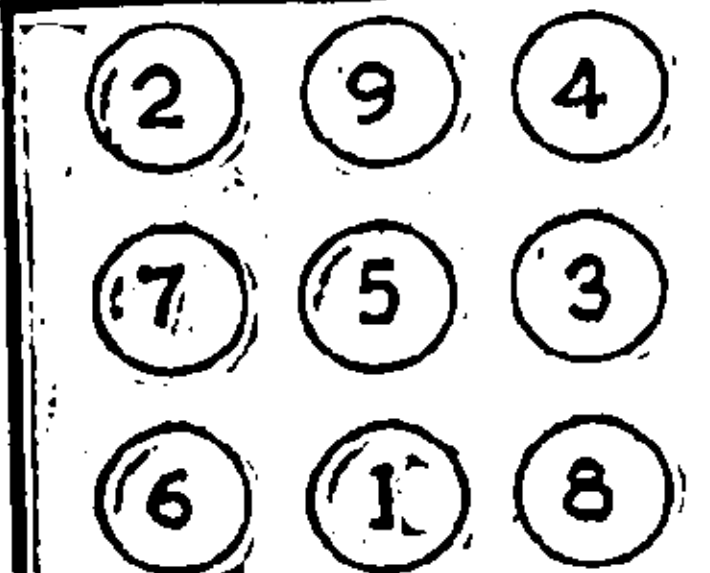
For sports and morning wear, the most important are the fancy chevrons, the fluffy diagonals these rivaling the tweeds of which we have seen so many. The silk creases make smart afternoon dresses. Then, there are the stockette-cloths and tricots for sports wear.

### Something New.



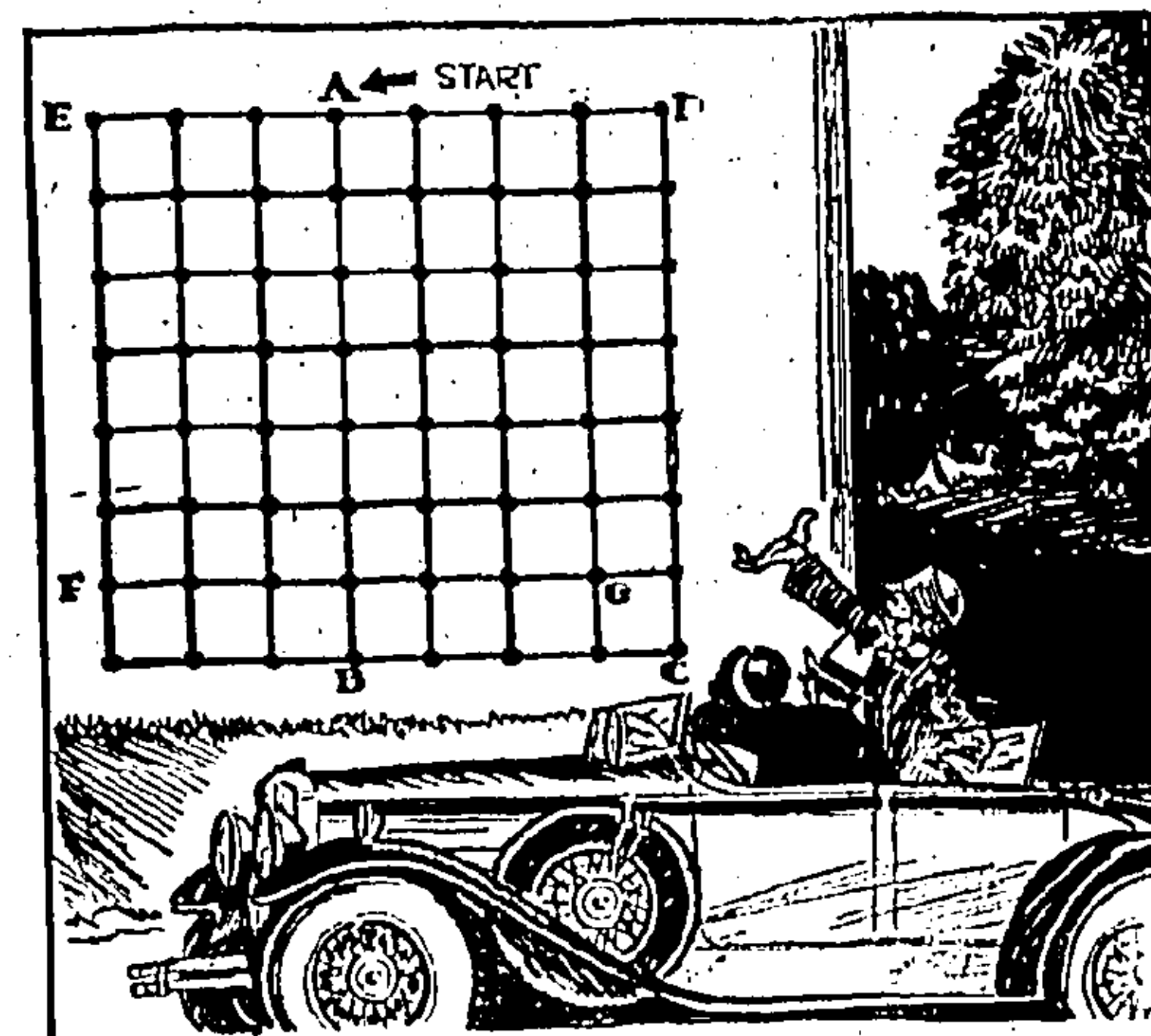
A new development in berets is this green felt skull cap seemed at the top and ending in a mushroom button of the material.

#### Yesterday's "Stickler" Solution.



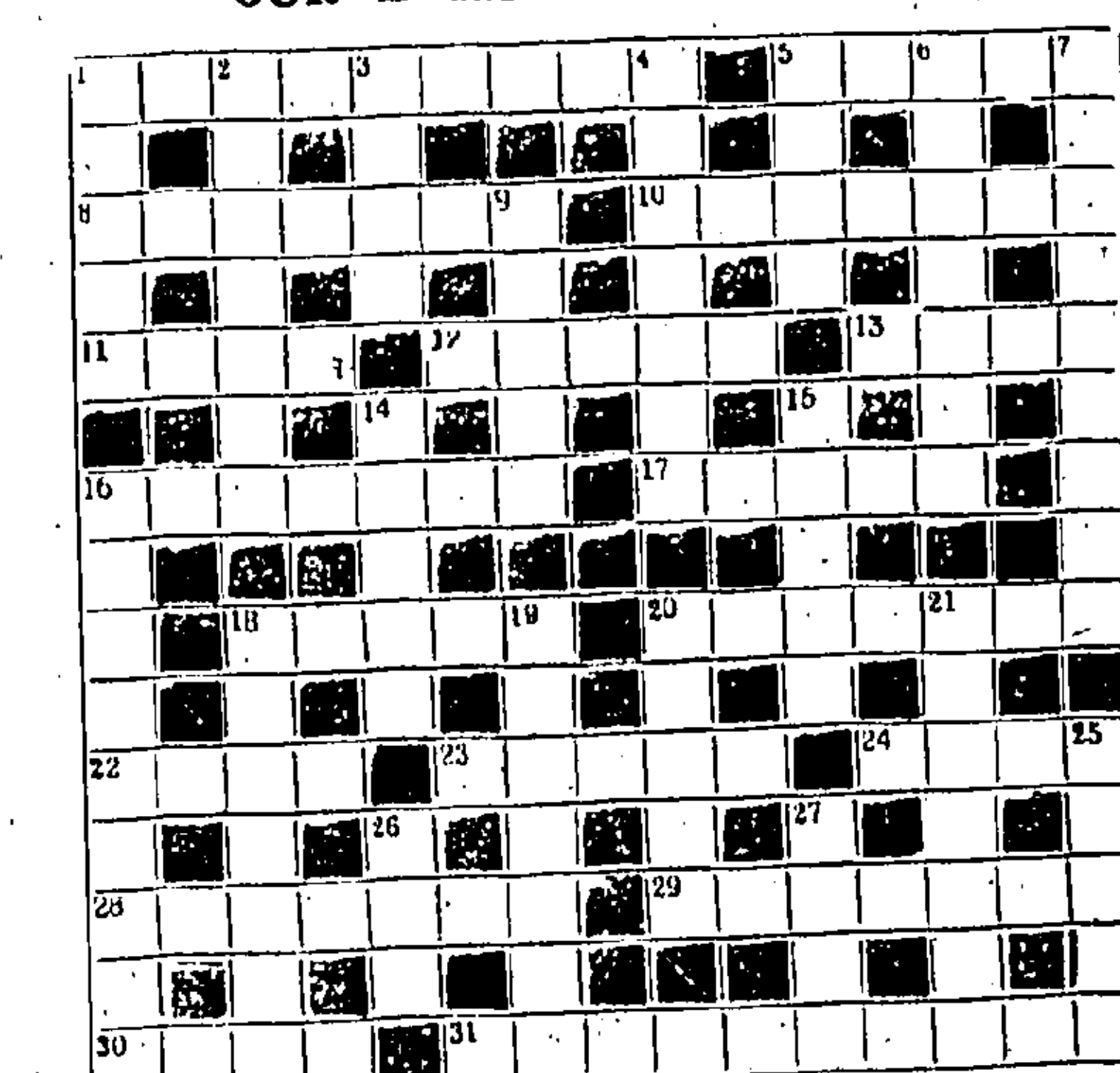
THIS illustrates how the numbered birds can be arranged so that the total of each line, whether horizontal, vertical or diagonal, will be the same—15.

## STICKLERS



THE farmer is showing the motorists a map, on which the dots represent towns, each one mile apart. The motorist starts from A and wishes to go as far as possible, while making only 16 turns and never going along the same road twice. Suppose, for example, he went to D, then straight to C, then to D, E, F and G. He would thus travel 37 miles in five turnings. What is the farthest he can go in 16 turnings?

### OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



#### Across

- 1 "Oh! sting r o" (anag.).
- 5 All the tigers at the Zoo are this.
- 8 Weaken.
- 10 Often a coward will lie out of this.
- 11 This little animal is seldom out of form for long.
- 12 "When all the world is old, lad, ... And all the sport is—lad," Kingsley. Songs from the Water Babies.
- 13 Be round it.
- 16 This untruth sounds like a remark that might have been made by an Israelite before the fall of Jericho.
- 17 This may be wordy, but it is the explanation of many a marriage.
- 18 Janus had two.
- 20 Shortness not due to financial depression.
- 22 This is designed to give out, if you give it time to come back. The man who never makes this never makes anything.
- 24 No one should ever neglect to grasp other opportunities (hidden).
- 28 Put on after the label in this figure.
- 29 That levelled at Elisha met with prompt punishment.
- 30 A nymph of the woods.
- 31 "Seeds dear?" (anag.).

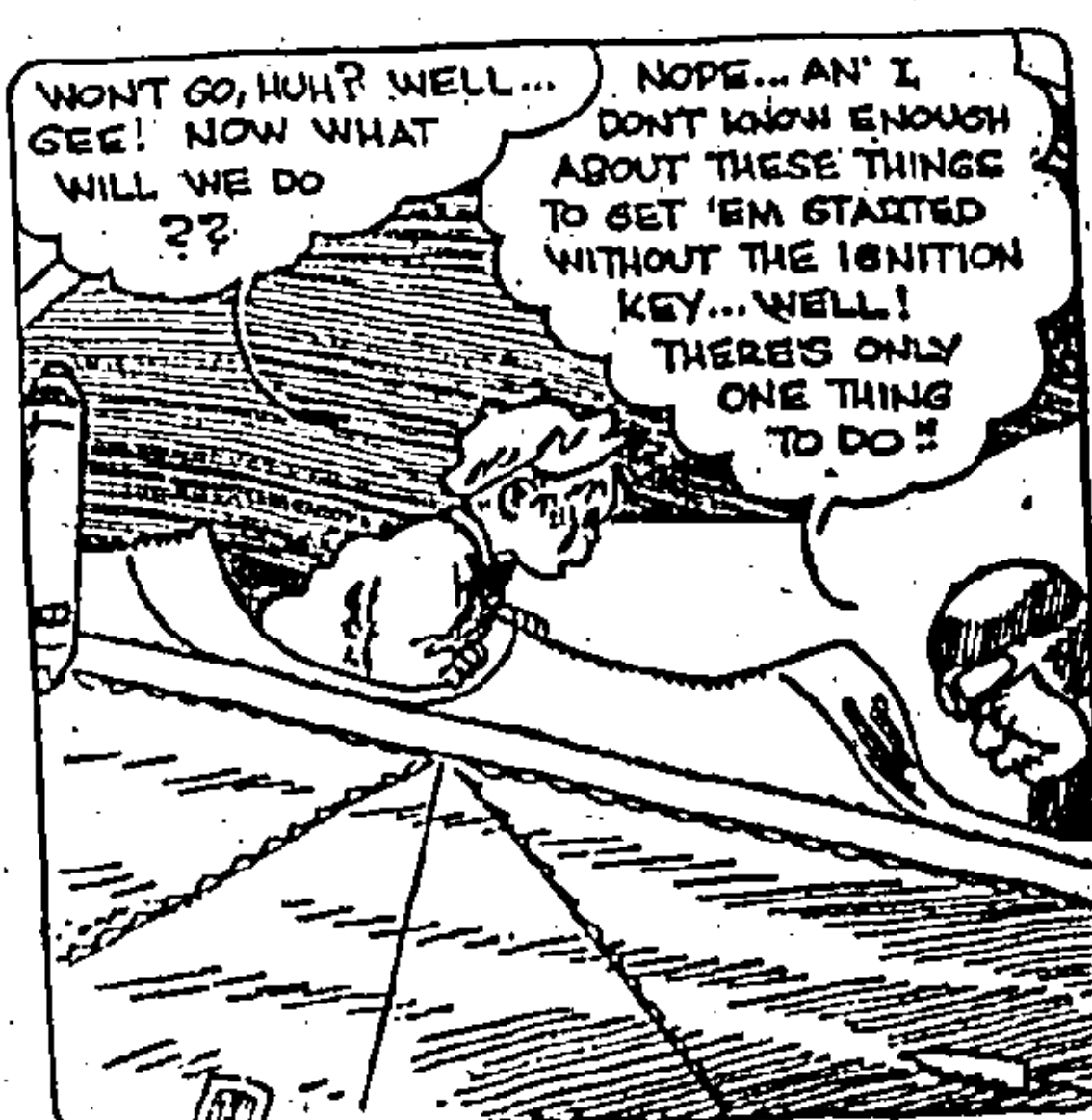
#### Down

- 1 The only direction in which one can look when at the North Pole.
- 2 A man who gets this from the earth occupies a prominent position in it.
- 3 The action of an organ-grinder, shall we say?
- 4 What Goldilocks did to the porridge of the Little Bear.
- 5 Though not quite clean this tribe is nearly so.
- 6 Indulge.
- 7 "Rob, my dear" (anag.).
- 9 You may get in here if you have a try.
- 14 Chop.
- 16 "Revenge, at first though—Bitter are long back on itself recede."—Paradise Lost.
- 18 An honourable person does not shelter behind this counterfeit headgear.
- 19 Feebly.
- 20 Change the last letter of this shrub to get a gardener's implement.
- 21 There is room here for it to sweep.
- 21 Mark deeply.
- 25 This plant sounds reminiscent of the prize-ring.
- 26 An out-of-date interjection.
- 27 There is a chemist opposite, likely to have some (hidden).

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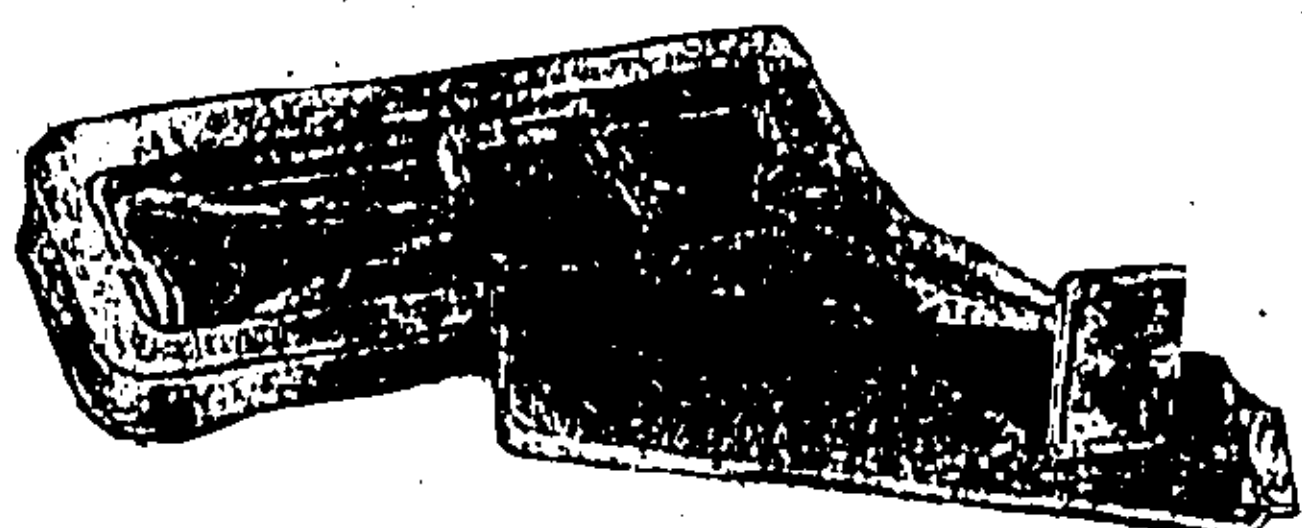
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**NEXT YEAR'S BIG**  
**CONFERENCE.**

Those who have the cause of world peace at heart are expecting results of the utmost value to accrue from the World Disarmament Conference which is to be held at Geneva, under the auspices of the League of Nations early next year. Already there has been considerable discussion on various points dealt with in the proposals of the draft convention drawn up by the Preparatory Commission, in which connexion the old question of trained reserves has come in for considerable attention. In some quarters, the complete abolition of conscription has been advocated, but opinion in League circles is that this is not, at the moment, a practical proposal. Many Continental nations will not hear of it, whilst even those who by treaty have been obliged to abandon the system are by no means unanimous in praise of the change. Large sections of opinion in Germany appear to demand a reversion to the old conscriptionist system, whilst Bulgaria is repeatedly asking for it.

These facts seem to suggest that there is a good deal of disarmament education to be accomplished before the general abolition of conscription can be regarded as coming within the sphere of practical politics. It is interesting to note that according to the terms of the draft Convention, there is to be limitation of all effectives, both professional officers and men and conscripts. If the Disarmament Conference fixes the limit in any country sufficiently low, then the number of conscriptionist troops will obviously have to be reduced. Selection of men for military service may be determined by lot, or restricted by a higher medical standard, or by more extensive exemptions for family or industrial reasons. It is well to note also that the proposed limitation extends to all military service, including "refresher courses" as well as the first training with the colours. When the World Conference comes to discuss the appropriate force in each country, no doubt the "potential" of trained reserves will have to be taken into account just as, on the other hand, the actual fighting value of long-service troops will have to be considered.

There has been some criticism of the draft Convention as to material. On this point, Lord Cecil, who hopes for great things

from the World Conference, admits that budgetary limitation is by itself incomplete. It does not deal adequately with material at present in stock, and it is possible to evade such limitation, but, in the view of Lord Cecil, the machinery suggested of requiring uniform returns from the different countries as to their total expenditure, and special returns as to their naval and military material, will form a fairly trustworthy method of limitation. Short of deliberate deception, there cannot be any doubt under this system as to the amount of money being spent by each country on armaments. Of course, if there is to be deliberate deception, no scheme can be made really watertight. Budgetary limitation of material, coupled with the limitation of personnel, would appear to offer the best method of dealing with the question, and there is a considerable bulk of opinion which believes that, with further appropriate measures, a very real measure of disarmament may be worked out.

It is well to keep in mind, however, one point which Lord Cecil is never tired of stressing—namely, that any method of limitation inscribed in Treaties will be futile unless, by the hard work of popular education, people can be brought to the point of insisting that it be made effective. Regrets and recriminations will lead nowhere; the one task which really matters is to inspire and organise public opinion so as to ensure the success of the coming Conference. If the public conscience is awakened, then no Government will be able to resist the demand of its people for a forward step in the direction of disarmament and world peace.

**Doom of Jazz.**

The brilliant first-night of the Westminster Glee Singers and the remarkable public response suggest that Hongkong may one day live down its bad name in the musical world. No community which can sit with genuine pleasure through an entertainment consisting largely of glees, madrigals, simple stories in song, ballad and broad marching choruses, can be reproached with lack of musical appreciation. If it was true of Hongkong in the past, it is doubtful if it is true now; thanks, perhaps, to the enthusiastic organisation of the Musical Society. Looking around, it would appear that Hongkong's reformation is part of a general revolt in the English-speaking world against jazz. Lovers of great and beautiful music were at one time apprehensive lest, to put it in their own words, "jazz might oust music." In the last two or three years, there have been suggestions that the end of jazz is in sight. Neither of these expectations has been fully realised, but to-day finds that supporters both of the great classics and of the sweet tunefulness of old ballad and song may take heart from the fact that there are indications that the music of their delight is receiving wider and wider approval and support. The recent festival at Norwich was a wonderful illustration of this "revival." audiences attending from all over the country to listen eagerly to oratorio or concerto. The B.B.C.'s efforts to acquaint listeners with the beauties of Beethoven, Wagner, Elgar and other masters are meeting with immense success. It is difficult to put one's finger on the demand for beauty in music, but it exists, and warrants every encouragement.

**"KOCHOW" STILL**  
**AGROUND.**

**HOPES OF REFLOATING WHEN**  
**CARGO REMOVED.**

Enquiries made this morning regarding the s.s. Kochow shows that she is still fast aground five miles below Samshui, near Campbell Island.

The cargo is still on the ship, and it is hoped that she will be refloated after this has been taken off.

**DAY BY DAY**

HE WHO CAN TAKE ADVICE IS  
SOMETIMES SURE TO HIM WHO  
CAN GIVE IT.—VON KNEBEL.

The P. and O. s.s. Allipore, from Singapore, is due here at noon on February 2nd.

Mr. H. W. Kinney, of the South Manchuria Railway Company, is in Hongkong on his way to Manila.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has decided to hold its annual carnival ball this year, on Friday 6th March at 9.15 p.m. This will be during Race Week.

Mr. Eric Teleman, Chinese Secretary of the British Legation, has left Peking en route to Singapore, where he will meet the British Minister Sir Miles Lampson, and his party. All of them will leave Singapore in the middle of February for China via Hongkong.

A fine of \$1,500 or six months' hard labour, was inflicted on a Chinese, who, arrested in possession of 60 tons of raw opium, was also found to have a previous conviction for a similar offence. The case was before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning.

Charged on three different counts of obtaining small sums of money from shops by falsely pretending that he had been authorised to do so by the Inspector General of Police, an unemployed Chinese who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning was remanded till Thursday afternoon.

The annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Club was held last night, with the Rev. W. W. Rogers in the chair. After the usual business had been transacted the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Rev. W. W. Rogers; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. H. Wong; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. N. A. E. Muckay; General Committee, E. Landolt and Messrs. E. F. Fincher, R. Baldwin and H. Kew.

A coolie named Tsang Wan, when charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having had in his possession six ounces of gun-powder, said he had been given it by his master, who was a sub-contractor, to carry. The defendant was arrested in Boundary Street yesterday with the powder, wrapped up in a paper parcel without a label. The defendant's master appeared in Court, but as he could not give a satisfactory account as to how the defendant got the powder, Mr. Butters adjourned the case until to-morrow.

**DOCTOR'S MOTOR**  
**MISHAP.**

**CAR CATCHES FIRE AFTER**  
**HITTING WALL.**

A mishap in which Dr. T. W. Ware, of the Government Civil Hospital, was involved last night, has been reported to the police, the medical officer informing the authorities that his motor car skidded in Breezy Path and collided with the wall, subsequently catching fire but causing little damage.

Dr. Ware stated in his report that he was driving his car, No. 1419, down Breezy Path at about 9 o'clock last night when the mishap occurred. Dr. Ware was not injured, but was shaken by the impact.

**LAWRENCE EASTWOOD on**  
**THAT LAZY FEELING.**

MARIVAUX, it is said, once encountered a young man of twenty who asked him for advice.

Amazed at the contrast between this humiliating request and the appearance of the beggar, he said: "Are you not ashamed young and strong as you are, to beg for bread which you might gain by honest work?"

Struck by the vigour of the attack, the mendicant sobbed out: "Ah, sir, but if you only knew, I am so lazy!"

But Marivaux was not quite honest with the youth. Voltaire said of him that "he knew all the byways of the human heart, though not the high road." He knew perfectly well that he himself belonged to the great race of idlers who, under cover of a tremendous output, are desperate wasters of time.

Listen to them! Macaulay confesses to "laziness." Johnson says he "resolved"—and in vain—for fifty-five years. Rousseau dawdled. So does Goethe. Alford has to be tied with a lasso to his table. Balzac tries dodging his work, and Zola, who has produced the huge pile of the Rougon-Macquart series, hates his self-imposed task.

Charles II., the excellent man of business and the most libelled of all our kings, plays idler and, according to Sheffield, quoted by Macaulay, his chief sultan was "sauntering." History has only canonised the remainder of his seraglio.

And here is Mr. Arnold Bennett, who "lives on twenty-four hours a day," telling us that all the real writers hate their writing and that those who don't are merely the duffers at their job.

Marivaux's young man, as you see, was of this splendid company, but he didn't hide his idleness under a panoply of hated endeavour.

So we arrive at the fact that the work of the world has been done by the unwilling horses, merely lacking the complete self-revelation of this friend of Marivaux's.

He considered laziness was not an excuse but a vindication, and "put in" no nonsense about what he had done—"Ah, sir, if you only knew, I am so lazy."

The truth is absolute, he pleads "guilty," and the case is "dismissed." There is a smooth perfection about the thing that compels the tribute of a reluctant esteem.

And who on earth really cares about the busy man? He is merely a ruthless egotist doing the best for himself. He never gives anyone a wrinkle. What he is doing is merely adding one day to his own collection till his brow that does all the sweating business gradually assumes the appearance of Wilkesden Junction.

And what does all this "speeding-up" amount to? Just "nerves," then neurasthenia, and then the great parade of retirement and a beginning of that Elysian laziness whose call he has unheeded all his life—and all in vain.

All Harlequin-street says that what this modern fever needs is a febrile, not an irritant. We ought, in fact, to lead flower-like lives and just grow beautifully instead of zitting "temperatures" scrambling to Lord's for the cricket—that dries up in an hour—and fighting up the stairs into a stadium for the sole

reason of showing that where there is a "ring" someone must do the fighting, while the men with the gloves on who really understand the flower-like life, do five minutes' patting and retire to comfortable dressing-rooms in Oriental palaces.

Finally, laziness is the great economic necessity. It is all very well to keep half the population at school—with endless periods of laziness about August—till they are all grown up into vigorous manhood, and to sack the other half as soon as they have really learnt their jobs in the interests of those who can find "standing room only," but this is merely tinkering with the problem.

As soon as ever we start leading flower-like lives and assimilate the full philosophy of Marivaux's young man the economic problem will settle itself. Competition will be relegated to the limbo of "economic mistakes" and the millennium—"in our times" will be waiting on the door-step.

You may be inclined, if you are a busy, earnest person, to ask me for further evidence. "But, ah, sir, if you only knew, I am so lazy."

**EAT WHAT**  
**YOU WILL.**

Says Dr. WILLIAMS.

THE new method of treating indigestion, which is announced from the Pasteur Institute, is in reality merely the application to dietetics of the principle familiar to all as vaccination.

That principle is the education of the powers of resistance by repeated small doses of the substance or virus which creates the symptoms.

The first small dose provokes a reaction, in the form of slight discomfort, slight malaise, possibly a slight rise in temperature.

After a suitable interval the same dose is repeated. This time the reactions are much less; and this goes on until there is no reaction at all to the original sized dose.

Then the size of the dose is raised, and when, after several injections, there is no further reaction to this the dose is again strengthened, and so on until the patient accepts with complete immunity any dose of the particular substance which may be offered to him.

It is told of a famous old gourmet that, having spoken contemptuously about someone who was said to suffer from indigestion, he was asked what he did if something disagreed with him, and he replied, "I go on eating it until I conquer." He was applying the principle which has now been rediscovered at the Pasteur Institute, a principle which gives scientific sanction to the success of perseverance in gluttony.

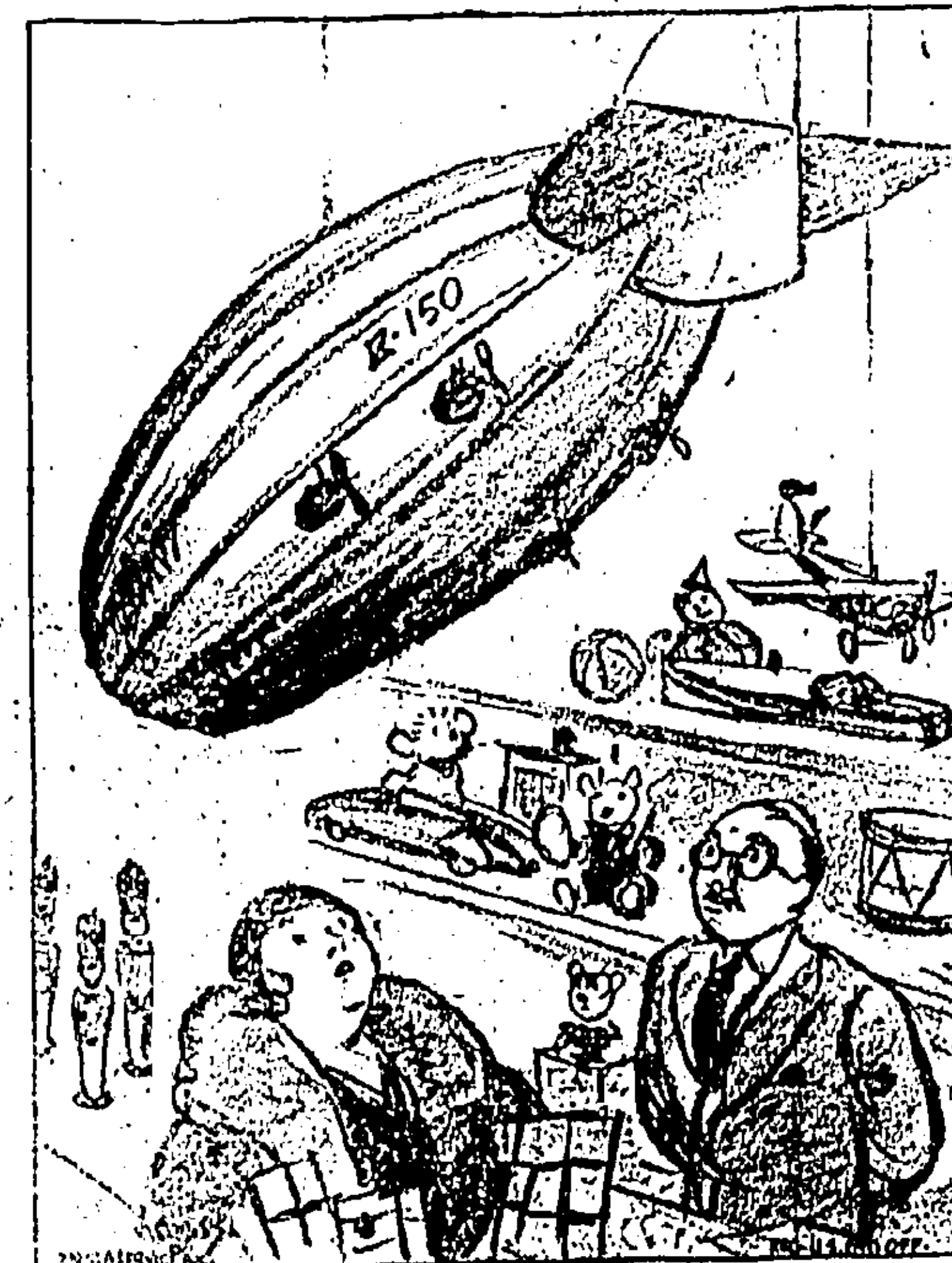
It is curious to note what a lot of everyday substances there are which cause discomfort and inconvenience to certain predisposed people. It is, for example, well known that some otherwise perfectly normal and wholesome persons are unable to eat even a single strawberry without suffering from a hot and uncomfortable and disfiguring rash for several hours afterwards.

This is the more surprising when it is realised what a harmless thing a strawberry is in its chemical composition. It consists, as to, very nearly 90 per cent., of water, and so far as can be ascertained it contains no acid or other irritating properties to account for its behaviour to some perfectly innocent folk.

There are several other articles of food which behave in much the same way, not necessarily in the production of a rash, but in causing malaise or somnolence or irritability in perfectly healthy people, and the trouble being slight and transient it is seldom or never attributed to its proper cause.

This is not very surprising when we consider the absurd uniformity which custom imposes upon us in all matters dietetic. Everybody eats more or less the same things day in, day out, year in, year out, when there ought in reality to be as much variety in food as there is in stature and colouring.

The hide-bound habit which characterises John Bull in so many things has been his undoing in the matter of food. His rotundity of figure and churlishness of manner are due more to unsuspicious digestion than to anything else. When he learns that variety in food is not only charming but essential, he will become more human.



"I'm afraid the other boys would want one too—and we have such a small apartment."



**KWANGSI PEACE DELAYS.****MUCH SPECULATION RIFE IN WUCHOW.****KWEILIN TENSION.**

Wuchow, Jan. 24.  
The delay in the ratification of the peace terms between the Kwangsi faction and the Nationalists is leading to much speculation as to the likely outcome of the deadlock.

While it is possible to travel in Kwangsi, even to the rebel strongholds of Nanning and Liuchow, much danger is involved. Nevertheless, there is considerable communication between Wuchow and interior points.

The large band of Reds in the western part of Kwangsi, under Li Ming-shui, is reported to have gone over to Hunan, and reports from Kweilin indicate much uneasiness in that city, due to its proximity to the Hunan border and the Red sphere.

General Chen Tai-tong, the commander of the Nationalist forces in Kwangsi, is reported to have issued orders forbidding the merchants here to ship cargo either to Nanning or Liuchow, also prohibiting the use of the telegraph lines to these two points. Naturally, such action creates considerable conjecture, as the move indicates anything but a peaceful prospect.

Peace will be in sight only when Wang Shao-hung, Wu Ting-yang or some other appointee arrives here with his credentials. Our Own Correspondent.

A Nanking message says that President Chiang Kai-shek yesterday entertained Generals Wang Shao-hung, Wu Ting-yang and other Kwangsi leaders now visiting Nanking to confer with the Nationalist officials concerning an armistice between Kwangsi and Kwangsi. The peace delegates were entertained by Mr. Hu Han-min in the evening.

It is understood that many representatives of the Kwangsi districts who have arrived in Nanking with the object of presenting a strong protest against the contemplated appointment of General Wang as Military Governor, deploring Gen. Wang have appeared here since the latter's arrival.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangsi Army, General Chan Chai-tong, arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon on the a.s. Langshan on his way to Nanking to participate in the conference. It is expected that he will leave for Shanghai to-day.

**SOUTH'S LUCK IN CUP DRAW.**

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**THE NEW FRENCH CABINET.****BRIAND STAYS AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE.**

Paris, Jan. 27.  
M. Laval has completed his task of Cabinet building, and has submitted a list of names to the President for approval.

The new Government includes M. Briand as Foreign Minister, M. Tardieu as Minister of Agriculture, M. Maginot as Minister for War, M. Flanin as Minister of Finance, M. Dumont as Minister of Marine, M. Dumesnil as Minister of Air, and M. Reynaud as Minister of the Colonies.

M. Laval takes the Home Office portfolio as well as that Premier. —Havas.

**GLEE SINGERS' TRIUMPH.****DELIGHTFUL FARE OFFERED LAST NIGHT.****SEASON OPENED.**

Hongkong's music-lovers were last night transported for all too brief a time, into a realm of beautiful melody and fragrant impressions. It was the opening night of the Westminster Glee Singers' season at the Theatre Royal, and the spontaneous welcome accorded this remarkably talented company marked it as being regarded as one of the finest aggregations ever to appear in Hongkong.

Synonyms for music are plentiful, but none probably fit the work of the Westminster Glee Singers better than that of "an artistic expression of beauty." To arouse a Hongkong audience to a pitch of real enthusiasm, finding expression in unstinted applause, is something of an achievement; and this is what the Glee Singers did.

From last night's performance, it is not difficult to see how the Glee Singers have enjoyed such a universal success. They owe it not merely to their inspiring vocal talents, but to the many subtleties without which their performance would not be nearly so satisfying. Their songs, glees, choruses and son-shanties, all have a story to tell, and it is conveyed to the audience in a manner which leaves a lasting impression.

There is a complete absence of affectation, yet the singers radiate a sense of confidence in their abilities. There are no irritating intervals between their numbers, neither are they rushed through as though the predominant thought is to get it over. Their happy arrangement on the stage, and last, but not least, their complete enjoyment of the music they sing, are all factors which contribute in placing their performance above anything of the kind ever heard in Hongkong.

And what a judicious arrangement of programme! This in itself was a triumph. No tiresome repetition, but full of variety. A vocal waltz, a unison song, bass solo, part song, soprano solo, glee, Maori song, sea shanties, national airs, sacred music, humorous quartette, baritone solo, and old English folk songs—these comprised the offering last night, and it would be difficult to imagine anything more satisfying.

**Perfect Singing.**

The singing itself invites nothing but superlatives. Perfect voice production, excellent tonal balance and delightful expression were the outstanding features. The gentlemen, opening the programme with Charles Lamoth's vocal waltz "Breeze of the Night," quickly had the audience enraptured, and when the boy singers followed to give a sweet interpretation of "The Pipes of Pan," the success of the evening was assured.

James Barber, in singing "Youth will needs have Dalliance," showed that not only does he possess a magnificent voice, but that he knows how to use it to the best possible advantage. It was an unbounded pleasure to hear his clear resonant notes. The "shadow" chorus singing in this number placed it as one of the outstanding accomplishments of the evening.

"Orpheus with his Lute," was selected as the number to introduce the full company of glee singers to Hongkong, but it was the encore "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower," which brought the house down. Nothing more effective has been heard in the Colony, and the audience demanded more.

Knox Godfrey, the leading boy soprano, appeared a little ill at ease with Gounod's "Serenade," but was far happier and more appealing in his encore "Coming Home" (Widdicombe), in which he enjoyed the assistance of the choir from off-stage.

With the programme composed of practically nothing but old English and traditional airs, Ernest McKinlay's Maori song came as a real novelty, and a most enjoyable one. His perfect understanding of this rather peculiar type of music allowed him to achieve a big success.

Judging by the heartiness of the reception, undoubtedly it was the sea-shanties, led by the talented Albert Greene, which enjoyed the widest appeal. The appeal of this type of composition can, perhaps, be traced to its happy rhythm, and breezy atmosphere, but there is an art in singing these shanties. Last night, Albert Greene, assisted by the gentlemen, gave a most delightful interpretation of these sea songs, though he was no less successful in "Widdicombe Fair." Equally as enjoyable was his encore "I married a Wife."

The cycle of Welsh airs by the Glee Singers, which included

**ACTION AGAINST NEONLITE CO.****CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF COMMISSION.****PARTNERSHIP ISSUE.**

In the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Jacks heard a case in which Mr. J. M. Xavier, of Granville Road, Kowloon, sued the China Neonlite Company, of 24A, Des Voeux Road Central, and Mr. J. E. Mahurey, partners therein, for payment of commission alleged to be due in consideration of the introduction of defendants of clients who purchased Neonlites. Plaintiff further asked for a statement of accounts in connexion with purchases made by the firms introduced, named as the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China) Ltd., and Standard Oil Company of New York, and the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

Mr. T. J. Prior appeared for the first, third and fourth defendants, Mr. Horace Lo for the second defendant, and Mr. D. L. Strellett was for plaintiff.

Mr. Strellett said there had been considerable difficulty in tracing Mr. Lo's client, and he was entitled to assume that he had not specifically denied partnership. Mr. Lo now came along at very short notice and entered this plea. He claimed that second defendant had ample time to deny partnership beforehand.

Mr. Lo replied that his client was a man of repute in the Colony, and was not the sort to evade service. He (Mr. Lo) had both telephoned and written Mr. Strellett denying partnership.

Mr. Strellett complained that Mr. Lo did not notify him until 11 a.m. on Saturday, and as nothing could be done until Monday, it was then very late to prepare a case on the partnership issue. He submitted that the defendant could have put in an appearance before, and specifically denied the partnership.

"By not appearing before, and now entering this plea, he is actually to gain by non-compliance with the order of the Court. It is only here that the denial of partnership is jumped up at any time in this manner," added Mr. Strellett.

His Lordship adjourned the issue until after the hearing of the case against the Company, adding that if judgment were given against the Company, he would then consider the question of defendant's partnership. The question of costs would be adjourned for the time being.

Opening his case, Mr. Strellett said plaintiff, answering an advertisement by defendants, had a conversation with Mr. Ip Tai-kwong, one of the partners, but the terms offered, of commission only, did not suit him, and he did not take it on. Later, Mr. Mahurey, another partner, called on him and pointed out the good prospects of the canvassing appointment, and he agreed to take the position. The terms were five per cent. of the purchase price to be paid to him on the completion of the buying contract, and a further five per cent. when the Neonlite sign was finally delivered and hung up. Plaintiff had nothing more to do but to influence people to buy the signs.

Plaintiff lost a certain amount of interest after working very hard for a time, and he found it impossible to live on the commission he was making, but the fact remained that he influenced the sales in question, and he was entitled to commission.

The case is proceeding.

"Swansea Market" and "Men of Harlech," brought the first part of the programme to a conclusion, and the selection of sacred music, a 16th Century setting to "Ave Maria," made an equally impressive opening to the latter half.

A glorious alto solo "Ye Banks and Braes" by Donald Reid followed, a feature of this being vocal accompaniment by the remainder of the company. A humorous quartette, "There are Women," was cleverly contributed by the gentlemen, who succeeded in emphasizing the satirical words to their full value, while Wilfred Thomas, changing his selected number to a request, gave a masterly treatment to "Dunno Dever."

His rich baritone voice and histrionic abilities were allowed full play, and the solo was one of the most satisfying numbers of the evening.

Finally, the glee singers gave a group of old English County songs, the excellent arrangement of which allowed James Barber, Maxwell Oldaker and the boy sopranos, and Albert Greene, to be heard at their very best.

Hongkong is fortunate in having this brilliant company with them for a week, for truly "in sweet music is such art."—S.A.G.

**ADDED WATER TO THE MILK.****HOW COOLIE MADE UP FOR LOSS.****PROSECUTION FAILS.**

Sergeant Slater, before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, charged a man named Hui Siu-chung with having for sale a can of milk unfit for human consumption.

The Sergeant said an Indian constable saw the defendant on Saturday at a street pump pouring water from a small bottle into the can. When the constable went up to the defendant, he offered him a bottle of milk if he would let him off.

The defendant admitted having poured water into the can, but pleaded that he was ignorant of the seriousness of the offence. He said he was a milk boy employed by the Tung To Dairy in Kowloon City to deliver milk to Whitfield Barracks. On Saturday morning, while carrying the milk, he fell down and some of the contents of the can were spilt. Fearing to go back to his master and inform him of the unfortunate occurrence, and as he had to deliver a full can at the barracks, he added water.

Mr. Butters discharged the accused, remarking that according to the law concerning that kind of offence, the defendant had committed no crime in adulterating the milk with water.

**GANDHI KEEPING AN OPEN MIND.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

with representative Indians and constitutional experts here.

"If you wish to bind India to you by bonds of confidence, and make her happy within your Empire and Commonwealth," declared Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, "if you wish to hear her promise you in gratitude, and remain with you in pride, then accept the work which has been done by the Conference and instruct the Government to proceed with it to a complete conclusion."

**Conservative Attitude.**

Sir Samuel Hoare, one of the Conservative delegates to the Conference, emphasised that many vital questions remained for future settlement and again defined the Conservative attitude.

While they recognised the great change taking place in the East, there were certain solemn obligations which could not be abandoned. India defence still rested on Britain, foreign affairs and international obligations should be controlled by the Crown and in the interests of India no less than of Britain, internal security and financial stability must be effectively safeguarded.

**No Discrimination.**

The protection of the minorities was also a solemn obligation. There must be no unfair economic or commercial discrimination against British traders and rights of the Service recruited by the Secretary of State must be observed.

What constitution might emerge must have a sure and stable foundation. If those legitimate demands were satisfied, and if the constitution for all-India was framed with effective safeguards, if the system of Government had a reasonable change of working, the Conservatives would not quibble over minor details.

They were entering on a new phase of Anglo-Indian relations in which partnership must be made the moving principle and co-operation the basis of action.

**Sir John Simon's Speech.**

Sir John Simon said the Conference had accomplished two great things. The Indian Princes had brought into the discussion, not only with British statesmen, but with their compatriots in British India. That was a tremendous achievement. He and his colleagues of the Statutory Commission had, for two years, carefully considered their recommendations and had reached the conclusion now generally accepted, that it was quite impossible to visualise a satisfactory Constitution for India unless it brought the Indian Princes within the circle.

Another great achievement was that the Conference had got rid, to a remarkable degree, of suspicion and misunderstanding.

Nevertheless, they had only travelled a very small part of the way to be covered before the Constitution could be framed.

**Four Conclusions.**

The four conclusions he had reached were, firstly, he rejoiced at the success of the conference in securing the adhesion of the Princes to the general idea of an

**CANTON COMMERCE CONTROL.****REGULATIONS FOR NEW CHAMBER.****BIG SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

Canton, Jan. 26.

With a view to peacing the activities of merchants under one supreme command, the local commercial organs have formed a "Direction Commission" to decide on regulations governing the organisation of a new Chamber of Commerce in Canton which is to be formally inaugurated by February 25. Altogether, 12 rules and 69 articles have already been drafted, revised and passed. The regulations have been drawn up in accordance with instructions promulgated by the Central Government. They include the following:

In case of a shop having declared bankruptcy, the member concerned is to be expelled from the Chamber.

Seven members of a Supervisory Committee and 15 of the Central Executive Committee are to be elected. A Chairman from five standing committees is to be elected from the Central Executive Committee.

Members are to subscribe a reserved fund ranging from \$300 to \$3,000 according to the capital of the shop.

Subscriptions may be raised to deal with special matters when passed by the general meeting and approved by the local authorities. Each member is to subscribe to the reserve funds according to the following schedule:—\$300 if capital below \$50,000; \$500 if capital below \$100,000 but above \$50,000; \$600 if capital above \$100,000 but below \$200,000; \$800 if capital above \$200,000 but below \$500,000; \$1,000 if capital above \$500,000 but below \$1,000,000; \$2,000 if capital above \$1,000,000 but below \$5,000,000; \$3,000 if capital above \$5,000,000.

An additional member from each shop is to subscribe a further sum of \$200. (This article is to be approved by the "People's Training Association").—Canton News Agency.

**NINE BRIDES KILLED.****EXPLOSION ON THEIR WEDDING EVE.**

Warsaw, Jan. 4.  
Nine brides were killed and 12 other women were seriously injured when a boiler exploded in the public baths at Horodenko (Southern Poland), where the brides were taking a special ritual bath on the eve of their wedding day, in accordance with Jewish tradition.

The injured women were present to chant during the ceremony. When the boiler blew up four of the brides were killed on the spot and the others died in hospital from injuries inflicted by boiling water.

Three of the injured women were mothers of three of the brides.

All India Federation; secondly, it was inevitable in the time available that the conference had not been able to produce a practical solution on so many very difficult and cardinal matters; thirdly, while recognising how much satisfaction a formula of responsibility with safeguards could give, he could not regard unformulated safeguards on vital matters as details; how the safeguards were to work was really the essence of the scheme itself; lastly, the good work of the Conference should be recognised as the beginning and not at all as the end.

Most of the following speakers on all sides of the House paid tributes to the excellent work done at the Conference and wished the Government well in their endeavours to work out a satisfactory Constitution for India.

**Mr. Churchill's Attack.**

Mr. Winston Churchill was practically alone in unreserved criticism. He catalogued the "errors and disaster in handling Indian affairs in the last eighteen months." The Round Table Conference, he declared, was an unauthorised constituent assembly. The Viceroy had interfered between the Simon Commission and the Parliament which appointed it. The nation, he concluded, was now lethargic, but there would be a sharp awakening when they saw the whole position jeopardised.

**Mr. Churchill Repeated.**

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the leader of the Conservative Party, emphasised that Mr. Winston Churchill was not speaking for the Conservative Party.

If he led the Conservative Party succeeding the MacDonald Government, their duty would be to implement as far as they could what had been done by the Conference, namely, to work out a

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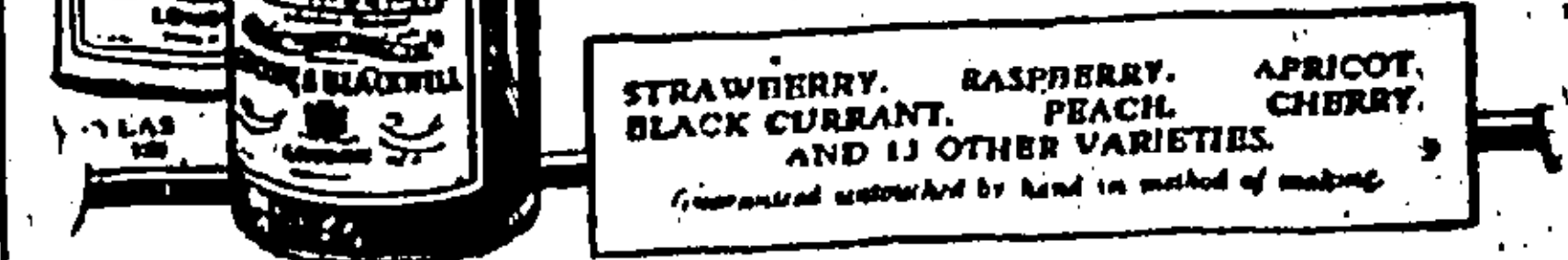
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Federal Constitution for All India.

Mr. Weigwood Benn, Secretary of State for India, winding up the debate, said in regard to Mr. Baldwin's promise to work for the Federation of India that we could not have a Federal India without responsibility at the centre.

British Wireless and Reuter, Calcutta, Jan. 26.

Mr. Chandra Bose, the Mayor of Calcutta, who was arrested to-day, was only released from prison two days ago, after a short sentence for defying a police order.



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## SHAMEEN TENNIS CLUB.

### RESULTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPETITIONS.

Shameen, Jan. 26.  
The results of the Ladies' Singles' Championship, Ladies' Singles' Handicap, Ladies' Handicap Doubles and the Mixed Doubles, held under the auspices of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club during the season 1930/1931 are as follows:

**Ladies' Handicap Doubles.**  
First Round.—Mmes. Eales and Wolcott (—15) beat Misses Blick and Lehman (—40) 6/4, 6/2; Mmes. Olivecrona and Cleopatra (plus 15) beat Mmes. Gilman and Manning (plus 15) 6/2, 6/0; Mmes. Laffond and Miss Beer (—15) beat Mmes. Wolf and Tison (scratch), byc.

Second Round.—Mmes. Laffond and Miss Beer beat Mmes. Olivecrona and Cleopatra 6/3, 6/2; Mmes. Olivecrona and Cleopatra beat Mmes. Wolf and Tison, 6/0, 6/3.

Final.—Mmes. Olivecrona and Cleopatra beat Mmes. Laffond and Miss Beer 6/4, 6/1, 6/2.

**Ladies' Singles' Handicap.**  
First round.—Mrs. Surber (—30), byc; Miss Blick (—15), byc; Mrs. Smith (scratch), byc; Miss Lehmann (—40), byc; Mmes. Olivecrona (plus 15) beat Mrs. Cruickshank (plus 15), 8/6, 6/3; Mrs. Gibbons (scratch), byc; Mmes. Laffond (—15), byc; Mrs. Eales (scratch), byc.

Second round.—Miss Blick beat Mrs. Surber, 6/3, 6/3; Miss Lehmann w/o from Mrs. Smith; Mmes. Olivecrona beat Mrs. Gibbons, 3/6, 6/1, 6/2; Mmes. Laffond beat Mrs. Eales, 6/0, 6/1.

Semi-finals.—Miss Blick beat Miss Lehmann, 6/4, 6/3; Mmes. Olivecrona beat Mmes. Laffond, 6/3, 6/4.

Final.—Miss Blick beat Mmes. Olivecrona, 7/5, 6/0, 6/3.

**Ladies' Singles' Championship.**  
First round.—Mrs. Watson, byc; Mmes. Olivecrona, byc; Miss Blick, byc; Miss Beer, byc; Miss Lehmann beat Mmes. Laffond, 6/1, 7/5; Mrs. Smith, byc; Mrs. Gibbons, byc; Mrs. Surber, byc.

Second round.—Mmes. Olivecrona w/o from Mrs. Watson; Miss Blick beat Miss Beer, 6/4, 6/3; Miss Lehmann w/o from Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Surber beat Mrs. Gibbons, 6/3, 6/3.

Semi-finals.—Miss Blick beat Mmes. Olivecrona, 6/2, 6/4; Miss Lehmann beat Mrs. Surber, 6/1, 6/3.

Final.—Miss Blick beat Miss Lehmann, 6/3, 6/4.

**Mixed Doubles Handicap.**  
1st Round.—Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons (scratch) byc; Mrs. Olivecrona and Manning (scratch) beat Mr. and Mrs. Eales (—15) 6/2, 6/1; Mrs. Tison and Braud (plus 15) beat Miss Beer and Lancaster (—15) 7/5, 6/4; Mmes. Cleopatra and Platt (scratch) beat Mrs. Condes and Gilman (—15), 7/5, 6/3; Mmes. Laffond and Halle (—15) beat Mrs. Manning and Annett (scratch), 2/6, 6/3, 6/3; Miss Lehmann

## TOBACCO AND SPIRIT SMUGGLING.

### "FIND" ON BOARD RIVER STEAMER.

Aboard the river steamer Tai Lee, at an early hour this morning there was considerable bustle and activity as Revenue Officers made a surprise visit, with the view of discovering the source of a large quantity of contraband liquor and tobacco. Searching the stokehold, they lifted some iron plates, to disclose a secret compartment in which were found 17 jars of Chinese spirits and some five pounds of Chinese tobacco.

With evidence thus secured of systematic smuggling the arrest was immediately effected, following the discovery, of all the personnel of the stokehold. By a process of questioning and elimination, only the head fireman and his immediate subordinate were retained, for Police Court proceedings which occurred at a later hour before the Magistrate (Mr. Williams).

A plea of "not guilty" was tendered by the head fireman and of "guilty" by his subordinate, to charges of possession of the dutiable spirits and tobacco.

Revenue Officer Grinnitt, in charge of the case, said his information was to the effect that the whole affair was a business in which the head fireman was much concerned as were the others. However, he had no evidence to support the charge against the head fireman.

The head fireman was discharged, while the other man was fined \$250 and \$100 respectively on the two charges, with alternative sentences of two months' and six weeks' imprisonment.

and Greene (—40) beat Mrs. Wolf and Willson (—15), 6/4, 6/2; Mr. and Mrs. Cruickshank (plus 15) beat Miss Blick and Forrier (—15), 6/2, 6/2; Miss Fulton and Rankin (—30) w/o from Mr. and Mrs. Watson.

2nd Round.—Mmes. Olivecrona and Manning beat Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, 6/1, 6/4; Mmes. Cleopatra and Platt beat Mrs. Tison and Braud, 6/3, 6/2; Mmes. Laffond and Halle beat Miss Lehmann and Greene, 12/10, 8/6; Miss Fulton and Rankin beat Mr. and Mrs. Cruickshank, 6/4, 6/2.

Semi-finals.—Mmes. Cleopatra and Platt beat Mrs. Olivecrona and Manning, 2/6, 6/4, 7/5; Miss Fulton and Rankin beat Mmes. Laffond and Halle, 6/1, 9/2.

Final.—Miss Fulton and Rankin received a walk-over from Madame Cleopatra and Platt owing to Mr. Platt's absence from Canton.—Our Own Correspondent.

## TUNGSHAN GOLF CLUB.

### BEST SCORE FOR THREE YEARS.

Canton, Jan. 26.  
In the qualifying round of the Captain's Cup Competition played at the Tungshan Golf Club yesterday, K. L. Dugan returned the very excellent score of 74 minus 8=66, going out in 39 and returning in 35. This is the best score returned since J. C. H. Bonbright won the championship with a gross score of 70 in 1928, when he did the second nine holes in 33. The second best card of the day was returned by H. H. Laffond with a score of 87 minus 14=73.—Our Own Correspondent.

### SUGAR MARKET.

#### THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets yesterday have been received by Messrs. Penreth and Co.

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### COTTON DISPUTE.

#### GOVERNMENT STILL HOPES TO MAKE PEACE.

London, Jan. 26.  
Although the ballot of weavers resulted in rejection by 90,000 to 45,000 of a proposal for giving negotiating powers to its executive in Lancashire, in the cotton dispute, officials of the Ministry of Labour are continuing their efforts to effect a settlement, and are to-day in touch with both sides to the dispute.—British Wireless.

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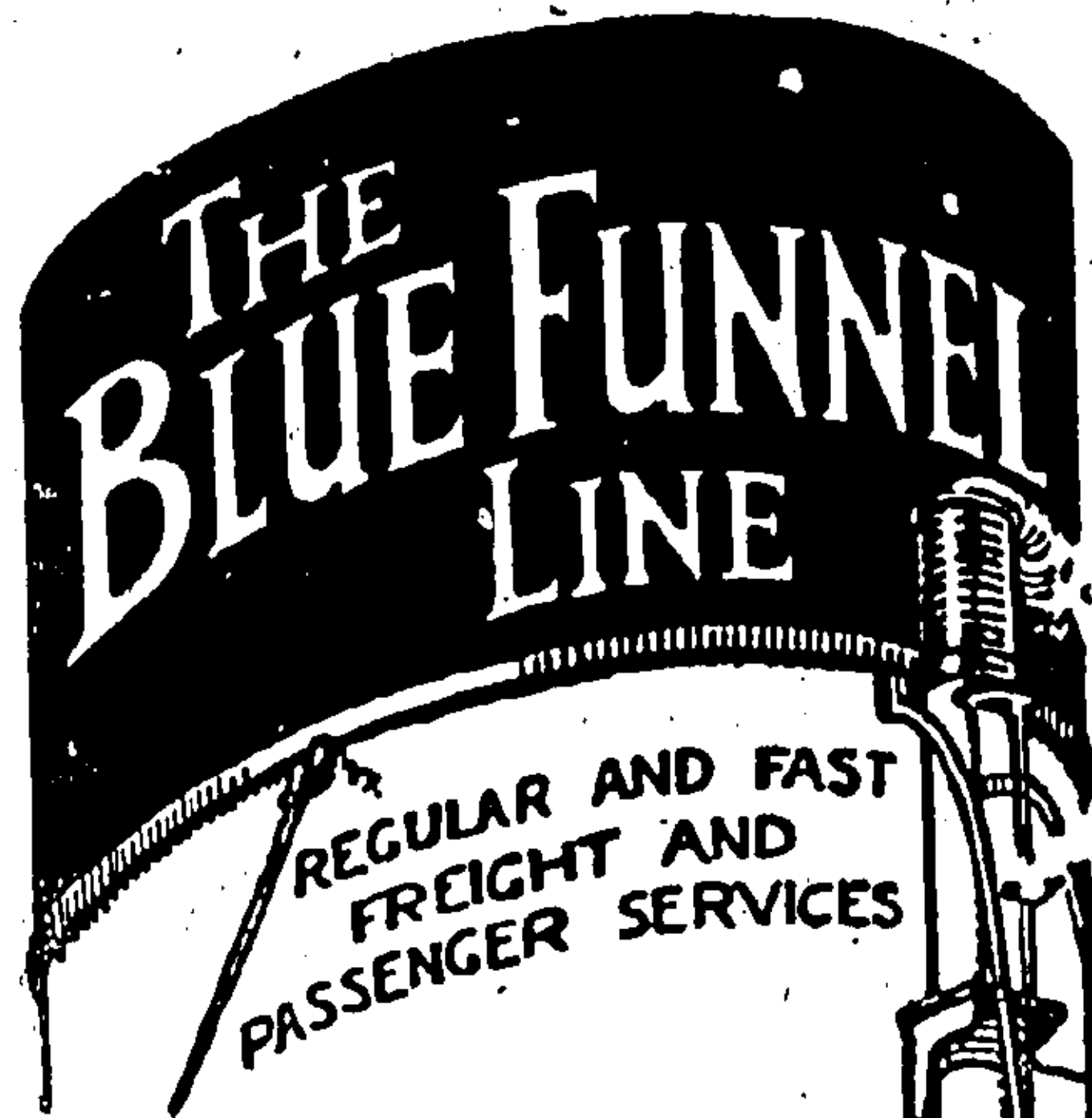
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## CLUB'S ADVANTAGE IN LOCAL HOCKEY COMPETITION.

Through their two successes against the Army, the Hongkong Hockey Club has gained a useful advantage in the Sim Shield, the premier hockey competition in Hongkong, and should they defeat the Navy on Wednesday, it will make them strong favourites. The Club and the Navy should have met in this triangular tournament a fortnight ago, but owing to so many ships being out of port at the time, the match was postponed.

On February 2, the two Services will meet in their first game, and the return will take place the following week, thus leaving only the second match between the Club and the Navy to be played off.

By that time, the destiny of the trophy will probably be decided.

The Club Team.

Below is the team to represent the Club against the Navy in the Sim Shield to-morrow afternoon: Gregory, J. E. Henry, J. Rogers, J. Noronha, M. W. Tarrant, A. Dard, T. O. Price, C. C. Francis, G. R. More, M. G. Marriott, G. P. Lammert. Reserves: A. Botelho and R. H. D. Wade.

Y.M.C.A. Team for To-day.

The following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. hockey team against the Radio Sports Club at King's Park to-day, at 5 p.m.

W. H. Smith, R. Dyer, L. Tiplie, G. Mitchell, F. Allen, F. S. W. Smith, T. J. Price, J. Smith, T. R. Ashton, W. J. Brown, A. Tait.

## JAPAN COMMUNISTS.

## THIRTY-FOUR SENTENCED IN TOKYO COURTS.

Tokyo, Jan. 26. Sentences ranging from one to six years imprisonment have been passed in Tokyo on 34 alleged Communists who were arrested on April 16, 1929, during the country-wide round-up of suspected Communists.

Thirteen others tried in Osaka were sentenced to from two to seven years with hard labour. It is recalled that under the Peace Preservation Law as revised in 1928 Communists are liable to capital punishment.

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## GOLD PURCHASES.

## DUTCH BANK REVISES ITS FINENESS.

Amsterdam, Jan. 26. The bank of the Netherlands has revised a clause in its statutes regarding the purchase of gold. It now lays down that as a rule the bank will buy bullion in a weight about twelve and a half kilograms, and with a fineness of 994 per 1,000, but may buy as low as 899 if it is exclusively composed of the metal of most recently current coins.

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## EWIN SCORES K.O.

## BEATS MIDDLEWEIGHT IN MANILA.

Good reception marked the relay from Manila on Saturday night, when the meeting of Seaman Harry Ewin of I.L.M.S. Kent and Carlos Logan was broadcast and relayed by Z.B.W. Ewin won the contest by a knockout in the eighth round.

Messages received by Ewin's friends in the Colony confirm the radio information. Ewin is due to meet Jack Crichton for the Colony's middleweight belt on Saturday, February 7, at the City Hall.

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3029.

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Suzette Tarr. 2509.

Monologue-An Old Flame.

John Henry. 3278.

Humorous Song-A Dicky Bird Told Me.

Ann Penn. 3002.

5.40-6.30 p.m. Orchestral.

Londonderry Air (Arr. Grainger).

Air On G String (Bach).

New Symphony Orchestra. 2913.

L'Amour Sorelier (Love The Magician) (De Falla).

La Vida Breve (Spanish Dance) (De Falla).

Symphony Orchestra. 1458.

Fantasia and Fugue (Bach arr. Elgar).

London Symphony Orchestra. 1560.

Bavarian Dance (Elgar).

London Symphony Orchestra. 1307.

Capriccio Italien (Tchaikowsky).

Berlin State Opera Orchestra. 1598.

Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna (Suppe).

Vienna Philharmonic Orch. 1607.

7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations).

6.30-7.15 p.m. Concert Items.

Organ Solo-A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood).

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Song-Bird Of Love Divine (Haydn Wood).

Song-Valley Of Laughter (Sanderson).

Maria Benet (Soprano). 2572.

Planoforte Solo-Sonata In A Major (Scheratti).

Planoforte Solo-Ecosalce (Beethoven).

Mischa Levitzki. 587.

Song-I Hear A Thrush At Eve (Gedman).

Derek Oldham (Tenor). 2060.

Violin Solo-La Sereanta (Angel's Serenade) (Braga).

Marjorie Hayward. 2534.

Song-a Lowlands b. Highland Liddle (arr. Taylor Harris).

Song-a Blow The Man Down b. Tom's Gone To Hills (Arr. Terry).

John Gross and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet. 2698.

Planoforte Solo-Staccato Etude (Rubinstein).

Planoforte Solo-La Campanella (Paganini-Liszt).

Mischa Levitzki. 1489.

Song-Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind (Sargeant).

Robert Radford (Bass). 1270.

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La Nuit (Elert).

Evening Song (Baird).

Harry Gross-Custard. 1825.

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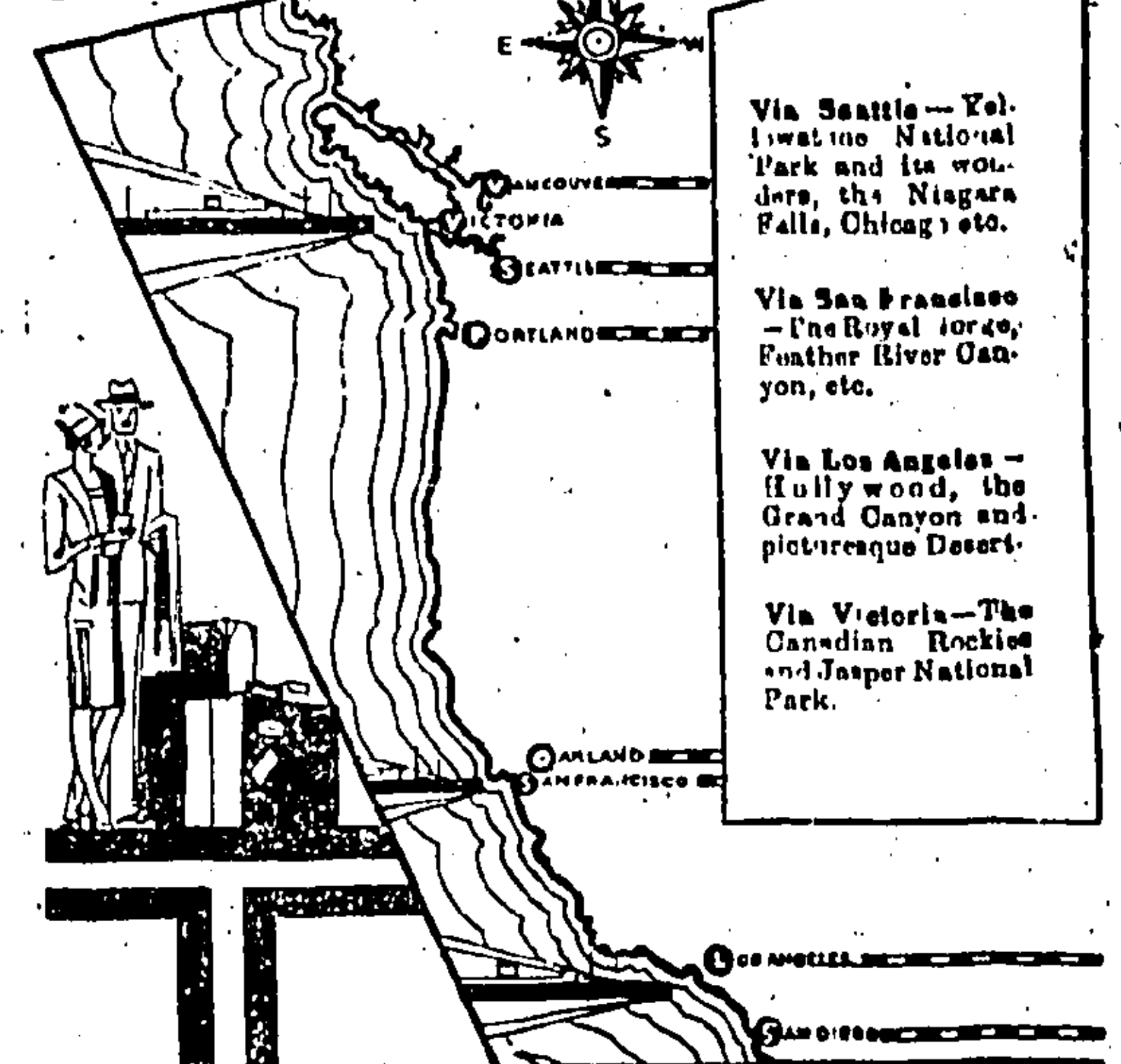
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tion rejecting "the alleged conclusions reached by the so-called Round Table," and have emphatically endorsed the All India National Congress stand at Lahore in demanding Swaraj, and also urge the Nationalists to continue the struggle for freedom with redoubled vigour.—*Reuter.*

Lahore Outrage.

Lahore, Jan. 26.

Rejecting the jury's recommendation for mercy, the Sessions Judge, Mr. Justice Anderson, has sentenced to death Hari Kishom, charged with the murder of a police sub-inspector and the attempted murder of the Governor of the Punjab and a police inspector.—*Reuter.*

(Sir) Geoffrey De Montmorency, the Governor of the Punjab, was slightly wounded by two revolver shots when leaving the University Convocation at Lahore on December 25. Two arrests were made in connexion with the outrage. The Governor was fired at from extremely close quarters and had a very narrow escape. One bullet struck his left arm and another grazed his back. A third struck Sub-Inspector Channan Singh, who died later. Two constables and a woman doctor were also wounded.]

## ROBBERY PREVENTED.

ARMED MEN RAID HOUSE IN KENNEDY ROAD.

Owing to an alarm being promptly raised in a neighbouring house, five robbers, who succeeded in gaining entrance to No. 60, Kennedy Road, ground floor, yesterday forenoon, were compelled to decamp without accomplishing their object.

Wong Mi, widow, in a report to the Police, states that the men entered the house at a quarter to twelve yesterday, two of them being armed with butchers' knives. They bound and gagged her, together with her amah, with clothes that they had brought with them, apparently for that purpose.

While thus engaged, a police whistle was sounded at No. 68, Kennedy Road, and when they heard it the men ran away. Nothing was stolen. No arrests had been effected last night.

Two knives were picked up by the Police, these having been discarded in the house by the robbers.

## LATE CAPT. SCHOOP.

SERVICES REPRESENTED IN IMPRESSIVE CORTEGE.

Flags on British warships in port were flown at half-mast yesterday, in respect to the late Capt. A. K. Schoop, commander of the United States Naval Patrol of South China, when an impressive cortege conveyed his body from the Royal Naval Hospital to the liner President Jackson.

All the British services in Hongkong were represented. The President Jackson left for America, where the body will be interred.

## ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The annual meeting of the St. David's Society of Hongkong was held yesterday afternoon in the board-room of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce with Mr. D. M. Richards in the chair. Others present were Mr. E. R. Price (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Rendall, Capt. Thomas and Messrs. E. R. Davies, G. S. Hugh-Jones, E. C. Thomas, W. T. Lewis, T. Hughes and E. Lloyd-Jones.

The Chairman presented the following annual report of the Society:

On March 1, 1930, a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph by the President, supported by members of the Committee and other members.

Telegraphic messages of congratulation were exchanged between the Society and Welsh Societies in Shanghai, Singapore and Bombay.

In the evening a dinner was held at Lane Crawford's Restaurant attended by members and their friends to the total number of nearly fifty. The thanks of the Committee are due to the following members who contributed to the programme of entertainment and helped to make the evening a success: Mrs. Rendall, Mrs. Hooper, Mr. D. M. Richards, Mr. Phillips, Capt. Thomas and Mr. David Davies.

The Society again supported Earl Haig's Fund for disabled ex-service men by contributing \$30 for poppies which were designed in the form of the Welsh Dragon and laid on the Cenotaph on 11th November.

The accounts call for little comment. Receipts from entrance fees and yearly subscriptions are normal. The reduced balance in hand \$31.64 as compared with \$77.42 last year is accounted for by the fact that there have been no life membership subscriptions; printing and advertising costs are also higher.

With these remarks the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

This was passed unanimously.

## New President.

The Chairman then said that the next item on the agenda was to elect a President for the current year.

Capt. Thomas proposed that Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, who had been Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Society in the past, should be elected President. The speaker said that Mr. Hugh-Jones had served the Society in that capacity some time ago and he thought that by electing him as President they would be showing some of their appreciation for his past work.

Mr. Hugh-Jones thanked Capt. Thomas for his remarks, but he thought that an older man should be elected for the post.

The proposal was put to the meeting and was passed unanimously.

Mr. R. R. Davies was elected Vice-President and Mr. E. R. Price was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Hugh-Jones, who took the chair from Mr. Richards on being elected, asked the meeting to make some proposals with regard to celebrating St. David's Day. He reminded the gathering that it fell on Sunday this year, and that they had with them in the Colony the South Wales Borderers. He thought that any arrangements that they made with regard to St.

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David's Day should include the Battalion.

Mrs. Rendall then proposed that a dinner be held at Lane Crawford's restaurant on the night before St. David's Day (i.e., Saturday night).

This was agreed to by the meeting as Saturday night would be convenient for a larger number of members.

The following sub-committee was then appointed to make the arrangements of the annual dinner:—President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Rendall, and Mr. D. M. Richards.

It was also decided to lay a wreath on the Cenotaph on St. David's Day at 10 a.m. Members were requested to attend the ceremony.

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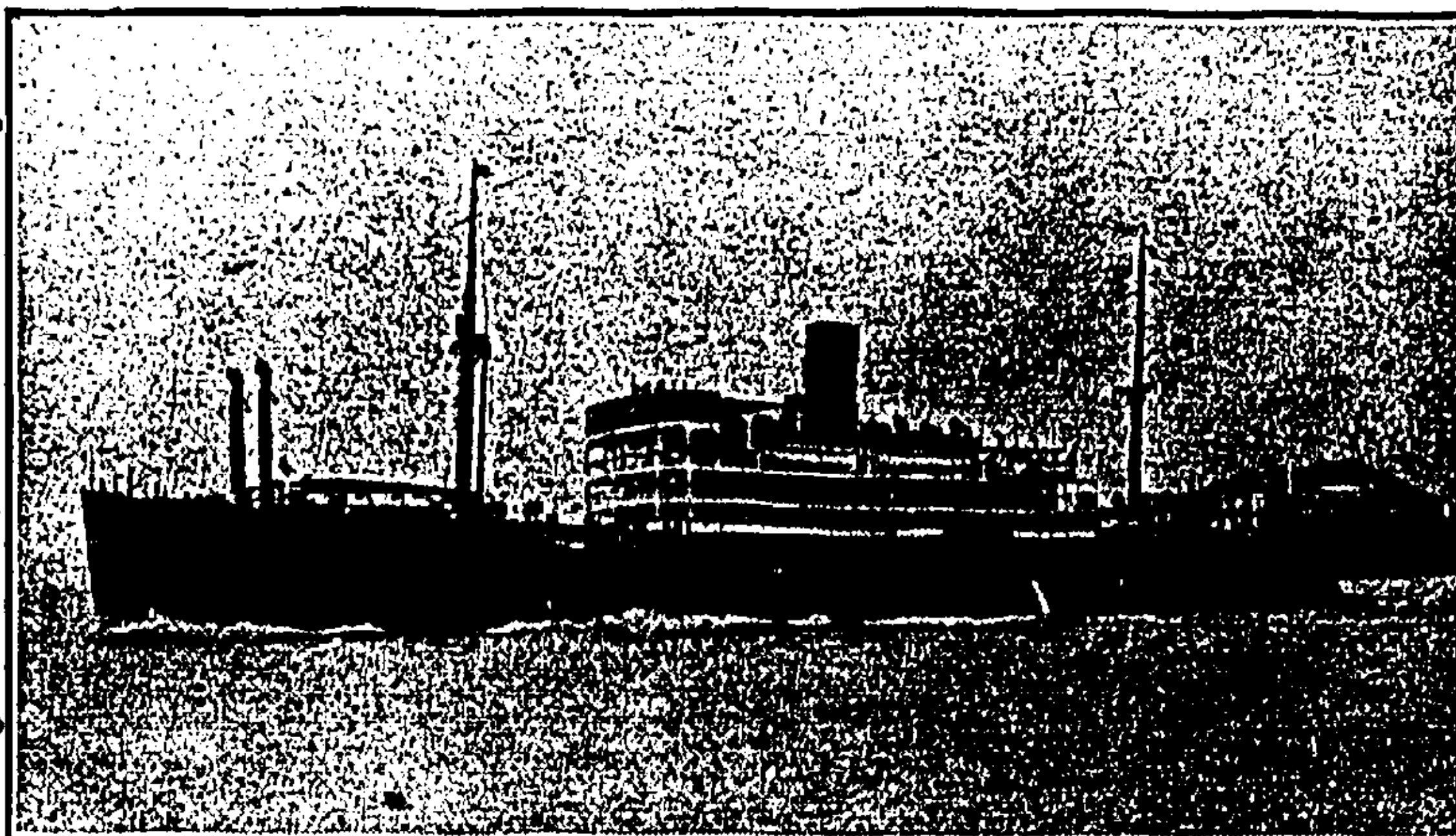
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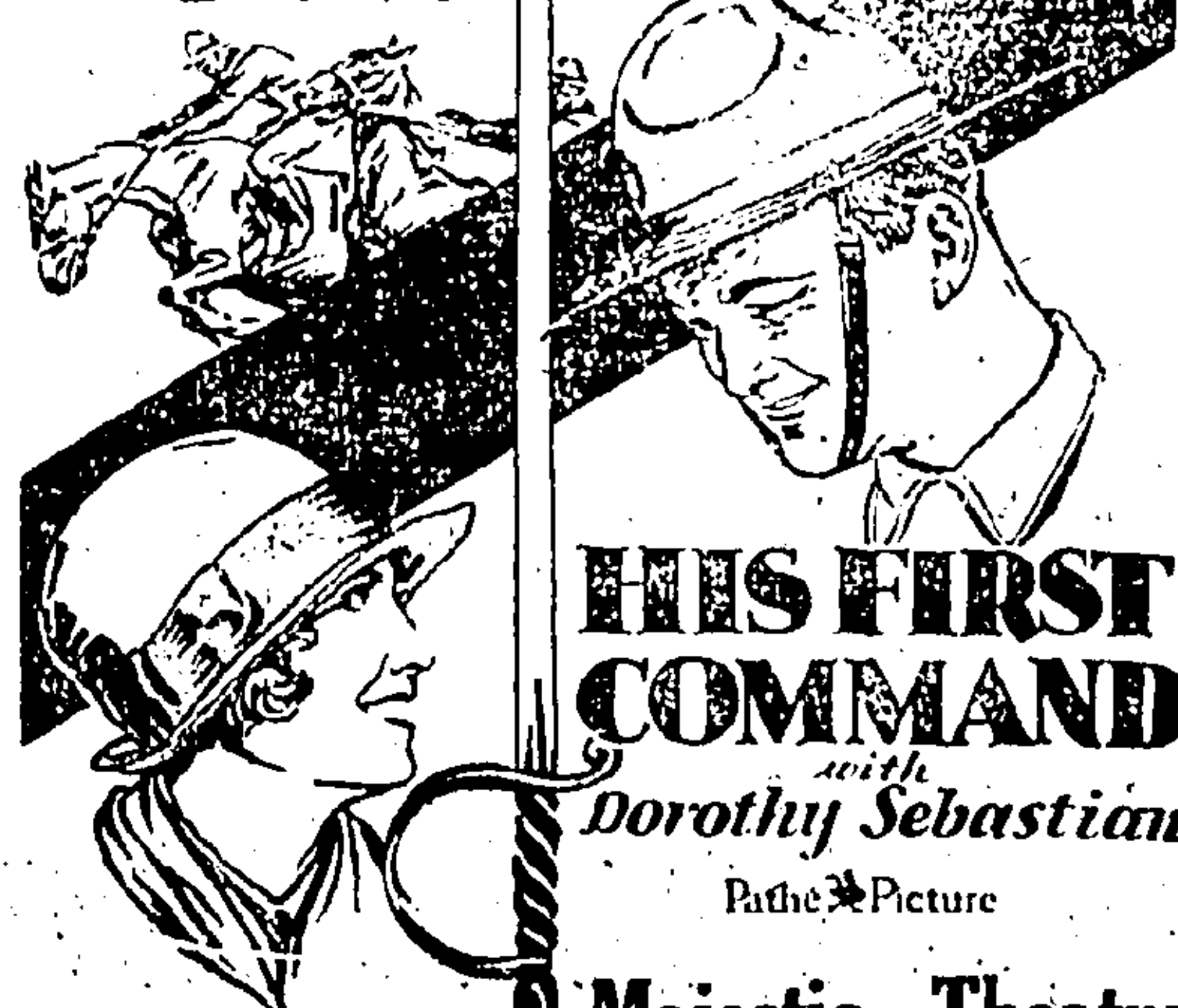
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Bidding was brisk at the land sale held yesterday afternoon at the P.W.D. when inland lot No. 3105, situated in King Kwong Street, Wong Nei Chung, consisting of 4,750 square feet with an annual rental of \$28 and an upset price of \$19,000, was purchased by Mr. Chung Chung-shan at \$30,800. Some of the bids were of \$1,000 each.

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## RETRENCHMENT IN THE F.M.S.

COMMITTEE SAVES BIG SUM IN EXPENDITURE.

TAXES TO REMAIN.

Singapore, Jan. 19.

The report of the select committee appointed to consider the possibility of making reductions of expenditure in the F.M.S. Supply Bill for 1931 was laid before the Federal Council at today's meeting.

It has been found possible to make reductions to the extent of \$472,684, but owing to new circumstances which have arisen the committee was unable to recommend any reductions in the taxation imposed last October.

The committee consisted of the Hon. Mr. G. P. Bradney, Financial Adviser (chairman), the Hon. Mr. J. Loria, Resident of Selangor, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Egmont Hake, the Hon. Mr. A. G. Glenister and the Hon. Mr. San Ah Wing. Below are extracts from the Committee's report:

The reductions under the vote for the Civil and Clerical Services and Malay Officers are based on percentages taken over the last ten years of the annual savings actually made on these votes. In other cases the reductions are the result of revised expenditure estimates submitted by the head of departments at the request of the committee, based on the assumption that vacant appointments would be filled as far as possible by transfers from other departments. It is estimated that the total savings would be 10 per cent, or such other economies as might be effected, and generally that the estimates should be limited strictly to such charges as would actually be paid during the financial year.

Although it is not possible to recommend any reductions of existing taxation the Committee would view with favour the substitution so far as may be possible of taxes on amusements and betting for the present tax on sugar.

While it is beyond the terms of reference to make recommendations other than such as may be effected in the estimates for 1931, we are considering with the concurrence of the Chief Secretary the possibility of effecting economies in the public expenditure which will assist in bringing the total expenditure within an estimated annual revenue of \$55,000,000.

These proposals will form the subject of a separate report to the Chief Secretary.

## MURDER THEORY DISCOUNTED.

DEATH RELIEVED DUE TO DROWNING.

Following the post-mortem examination it has been revealed that the Chinese whose body was found in a nullah in Soy Street, near its intersection with Canton Road, Yachan, died from drowning and that he had not, as first thought, been murdered.

The body was found early yesterday morning, and although there were no external marks of violence a piece of cloth in the man's mouth gave rise to the suspicion that he had been the victim of murder. The latest revelation, however, has discounted the theory that the man had been killed and this morning the police authorities announced that he had died from drowning.

It is presumed that the man had been working on the side of the nullah and lost his balance, striking his head as he fell. Then, in a semi-conscious condition, he struggled to regain his feet but was drowned, the piece of cloth probably becoming lodged in his mouth during his struggle.

## PESHAWAR DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

MILITARY POSTS AND ROADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

New Delhi, Jan. 26.

After the troubles in the Peshawar region last year when the Afridis crossed the border and attacked British posts, the Government has sanctioned the construction of special military posts, linked by metalled roads across the Khajuri and Akakhel Plains.

The object is to prevent hostile concentrations from threatening Peshawar.

Experimental borings have resulted in the finding of water, and the posts are now being constructed. In addition, a bridge is being built over the Bara River.

The operations have already reached a stage permitting a material reduction in the number of troops maintained for the protection of the area from the invasions of the tribesmen.—*Reuter*.

## THAT SILVER LOAN PROPOSAL.

HU HAN-MIN ON TERMS ON AGREEMENT.

FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY JOINT BODY.

INTERIOR PROGRESS.

The Nanking official Central News Agency publishes a lengthy statement by Mr. Hu Han-min, Chairman of the Legislative Yuan, regarding the proposed loan of 1,000,000,000 ounces of silver to China.

According to Mr. Hu, negotiations concerning the proposed silver loan are proceeding between Judge Paul Lineberger, Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, and the Chairman of the International Silver Commission.

Five articles are contained in the proposed agreement:

1. That the loan shall be made by the United States Government to the Chinese Government for constructive projects and for the development of Sino-American commerce.

2. That the loan shall total 1,000,000,000 ounces of silver, to be paid in five instalments of 200,000,000 ounces each. The first instalment shall be paid before July, 1931, and the other instalments whenever they are needed by the Chinese Government.

No Security.

3. That the loan shall be for 50 years at an annual interest of two per cent. After 1941, however, the Chinese Government may redeem the loan either by silver or gold payments, as it sees fit.

4. That there shall be no security for the loan and that Government bonds are to be issued by the Chinese Government, the principal and interest of which shall be in terms of silver.

5. That a joint commission consisting of representatives of the Chinese and American governments shall be formed to supervise the use of the loan, while a special bank may be established for management.

Domestic Development.

Referring to arguments against the loan, Mr. Hu Han-min stated that it would not bring about a drop in the value of silver. If the loan were to be used for the purchase of materials abroad, this would probably tend to lower the value of silver; but in this case the loan would be used for the development of the interior, thus having no connexion with business transactions in the exports.

All the silver in China, Mr. Hu continued, was held in the seaports. In the interior it was almost impossible to get any of the white metal and, therefore, bringing silver into the interior would relieve the situation.

Mr. Hu pointed out that the loan would be used for productive purposes and that it would eventually result in increased exports from China and with such an increase the world silver market would be stabilised. There was no fear, Mr. Hu concluded, of an overabundance of silver in China.

Dr. C. C. Wu's Comment.

Washington, Jan. 22.

Dr. Wu Chao-chu, the Chinese Minister to the United States, announced today that he is unable to state the position of the government at Nanking with regard to specific but so far unofficial proposals for a silver loan by the United States to China.

Negotiations for a silver loan to China are only in the initial stage, Dr. Wu said. However, he expressed belief that the Nanking Government will give careful consideration to loan proposals when they become official and if repayment arrangements are satisfactory. Dr. Wu said, also, that low interest rates would have to be provided.

Dr. Wu told the United Press that it appears that conditions are ripe for the launching of a large scale programme of public works construction in China, and for this reason, he said, long term loans might be useful to China.

Informal Talks.

Within recent days Dr. Wu has been in informal conference with Senator Key Pittman, Democrat of Nevada, a silver-producing state, who is anxious to obtain official approval for plans for a large silver loan to China.

Officials of government, executive departments here continue to profess ignorance of proposals for making a silver loan to the Chinese national Government.

Mr. Ogden L. Mills, the Under-Secretary of the Treasury, in an interview expressed astonishment at reports emanating from Nanking that funds in silver have been deposited in the United States treasury and earmarked for use in a "prospective loan to China."

## CAUCUS APPROVES MR. THEODORE.

OPPOSITION MAY REFUSE TO RECOGNISE.

POST STILL VACANT.

Canberra, Jan. 26.

The Labour caucus has ratified Mr. Theodore's re-admission to the Cabinet. The caucus has agreed to adjourn for three weeks in order to give Mr. Theodore and Mr. Scullin time to prepare their financial policy and obtain the Cabinet's approval thereof.

Mr. Theodore will not resume the Treasuryship immediately, and it is not yet known what will be the attitude of the Opposition thereto, but there is a possibility of their refusing to recognise him.

An earlier indication stated that the Federal Cabinet, by a majority, decided to re-appoint Mr. Theodore as Treasurer, it being added that the case which led to the previous resignation is still pending.—*Reuter*.

[It was reported from Sydney on July 5 that the Federal Treasurer, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Edward Grenville Theodore, had resigned, following the announcement of the findings of the Queensland Royal Commission of Enquiry into the circumstances attending the purchase of Mungana (Chillagoe) Mines by the Queensland Labour Government, when Mr. Theodore was Premier.]

The Commission found that Mr. Theodore and another Labour ex-Premier, Mr. W. McCormack, also Mr. Goddard, who was Mines Manager of Chillagoe, were guilty of fraud and dishonesty in procuring the State to purchase the mines for £40,000. Mr. Theodore, interviewed, hotly denied the charges, which, he declared, were the work of his political enemies. Mr. Theodore made it clear that his resignation would only operate until these charges were cleared up.]

## NEW BARRISTER.

ADMISSION OF MR. TUNG FAN-LO.

In the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Justice Wood agreed to a motion for the admission of Mr. Tung Fan-lo, of 99, Queen's Road Central, as a barrister practitioner.

The Hon. Mr. G. C. Alabaster, B.A., in moving the admission, said Mr. Tung was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn on July 2nd, last year. He had had a distinguished local career, being educated at the Salingpau Government School (now King's College), from where he went to Queen's College, and became the first holder of the Allen Morris Memorial scholarship. There he was also successful in winning the Ho Fook, Ho Tung and Senior Morrison scholarships, and he matriculated with honours in 1912. He went to the University as President of China Government and Canton Scholar and in January, 1927, took his B.A. degree. In July of the same year he left for London, when he was immediately admitted to the Faculty of Law, University College, London, and Gray's Inn. In July, 1929, he took his LL.B. degree, University of London, with honours, and in the same month passed his Bar final.

Mr. Justice Wood, in accepting the motion, said he hoped Mr. Tung would enjoy a happy and successful practice in the Colony.

## NEW GOVERNOR OF BERMUDA.

LIEUT. GEN. T. A. CUBITT APPOINTED.

London, Jan. 26.

Lieutenant General Thomas Astley Cubitt, G.O.C. 2nd Division since 1928, has been appointed Governor of Bermuda in succession to the late Sir Louis Bols, who died in September last.

Lt. Gen. Cubitt is nearly sixty years of age. He entered the Army in 1891, was promoted Captain in 1900 and Major-General in 1919. Served numerous campaigns in South and West Africa between 1898 and 1903, and commanded the European forces in Somaliland at the outbreak of the World War.

He was given the command of a division in France in 1915, and served until the termination.—*Reuter*.

## MR. C. T. WANG NOW BETTER.

Peking, Jan. 26.

Mr. C. T. Wang has recovered sufficiently to permit him to leave tomorrow on a special train for Nanking.

The Foreign Minister has to hurry back to Nanking to fulfil his engagements with several of the foreign Ministers to China who will be visiting the Nationalist capital next week to discuss the extrality issue.

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